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SUMMARY.

General Kuropatkin reports that the Japanese occupied Tain-chan-shan, on the Russian east flank, on Saturday.

The percentage of Russian killed was very large. Twelve wounded Russian officers and 200 men are in the Sen-lun-yu Hospital.

Fighting continued on Sunday in front and west of the Tieh-ling.

On the extreme east the Japanese have taken the outlying Russian positions, and threaten the main defences.

Hundreds of Russian wounded are reaching Mukden.

The country in which the fighting is taking place favours the Russians.

The fierceness with which the attack was made leads the Russians to think that General Nogi and his men are engaged.

A "Daily Telegraph" correspondent reports that the battle raged on Friday 16 miles south-east of Mukden, along the whole front of the opposing forces.

A private telegram from Mukden states that the Japanese have begun a huge enveloping movement.

It is likely to be disastrous to General Kuropatkin's plans.

The manager of the Russian Bank at Mukden has been ordered to prepare to close.

The Japanese have captured the German tiller Romulus, 2630 tons, bound for Vladivostock.

Russia has chartered 10 more Hamburg-American liners as colliers for the Baltic Fleet.

She has also purchased two steamers from the same company, and is converting them into cruisers.

M. Yermoloff, in his report to the Czar, declares that nothing will satisfy distracted Russia except a Constitution on Western lines.

The Czar, on reading the report, was convinced by its arguments.

He has authorised the summoning of a representative association to prepare a Constitution conceding a large measure of autonomy.

The Warsaw police have demanded 50s per month instead of 24s, their present pay.

Fearing a strike, the authorities have ordered a soldier to accompany each policeman.

Fifteen thousand ironworkers at Warsaw have been granted higher pay and shorter hours, and will resume work.

Baku is in a state of panic owing to the riots, and numbers of people are leaving.

Owing to the large drafts that have been made for the war there are insufficient troops to maintain order in the Caucasus.

The sullen and determined attitude of 30,000 strikers at St. Petersburg occasions anxiety.

All railway employees in Russia excepting those on the Central Asian railway have been placed under martial law.

Peasants of Central Russia are sending numerous deputations to St. Petersburg to ascertain if the Czar has issued a ukase ordering a redistribution of land.

The London press considers that the report of the International Commission on the Dogger Bank outrage is substantially a British victory.

The American press is sarcastic at the determination of the commissioners to whitewash Russia.

"On the report England practically wins" is the opinion of the "Republique Francaise."

The "Temps" (Paris) says that the report is wholly opportunist, and is perhaps a little Erastonian.

The Russian public is disappointed at the nature of the report.

The Japanese press ridicules the finding, which it considers is calculated to discredit international courts.

The Prince and Princess of Wales will visit India in November, and will remain until March.

Whilst in Sydney last week Mr. Smith, Postmaster-General telephoned to Melbourne, and was heard, and could hear distinctly.

The official report of the Premier's conference will probably be issued about the middle of the week.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Reid, expects to return to Sydney on Friday, and purposes remaining here for some time.

In the interstate University cricket match yesterday, Melbourne scored 146, and Sydney lost three wickets for 251 runs.

The Australian Eleven defeated Canterbury, New Zealand, at Christchurch by eight wickets.

A miner named Rasmussen, fell down the shaft of the Tasmania gold mine at Beaconsfield and was killed.

Mr. Raymond Mills, an accountant at West Maitland, was drowned on Sunday night by the upsetting of a boat on the river.

The general purposes committee of the City Council recommends a rate of 1s 9d in the £ for 1905.

A statement submitted to the committee shows the capital value of the city properties assessed for rating is £44,899,400.

The assessed annual value for 1905 is £3,077,018, and the rate receivable £181,739.

By the wreck of a pearling lugger during a cyclone on February 8, off Bilen Island, five coloured men were drowned.

The body of Ivan Miller, aged 6½ years, was found in a creek at Woolwin, Brisbane, on Friday.

The police court proceedings against James Ryan, charged with the murder of Walter G. Benton, at Crow's Nest, Queensland, have been adjourned till March 1.

Two defendants were fined £5 and £7 10s respectively at the Central Summons Court yesterday for using poker machines on their premises.

Mr. Watson, leader of the Federal Opposition, objects to the proposal to extend for 30 years the operations of the Braddon clause.

He points out that the Prime Minister has said that no federal old-age pension scheme is possible whilst the Braddon clause remains.

To re-enact the clause, would therefore mean, Mr. Watson argues, putting off old age pensions for another 25 years.

Mr. Butler is the new Premier of South Australia, and will also fill the position of Treasurer and Commissioner for Lands.

Mr. Foster will be Commissioner for Public Works, Mr. Vardon Chief Secretary, and Mr. J. R. Anderson Attorney-General.

Mr. J. D. Johnston, director of the Mossman Sugar Mill, Queensland, expects the yield this season to be 11,000 tons.

It matters were left to the white workers the sugar made, Mr. Johnston says, would total only about 500 tons.

A man at Wagga yesterday was sentenced to two terms of six months' imprisonment on charges of passing valueless cheques.

In the case of Alexander McDonald, who was shot at Corunna on Friday night, the coroner returned a verdict of accidental death.

A hailstorm occurred at Lithgow on Sunday afternoon, doing considerable damage to crops and fruit gardens.

An armed aboriginal, supposed to be a lunatic, has been shot dead in the Mount Britton ranges, Queensland, by a constable.

A shipment of Clydesdale stallions arrived in Adelaide on Sunday by the steamer Persic.

There was a fairly good market for investment shares on the Exchange yesterday, and leading bank stocks were firmer.

Breadstuffs continued quiet locally, although the London market appeared to be rather firmer.

In the Import market there was but little doing in bulk lines, and prices were firm generally.

Supplies were light in the Homebush market yesterday, and prices were higher for all descriptions of stock.

A moderate range of business was transacted in the Mining market, with silver and Queensland gold companies firmer.

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MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA, GERALDTON, MOURILYAN, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN ARAMAC, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., February 28. ARAWATTA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., March 7. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., March 14.

THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN ARAMAC, THIS DAY, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., February 28. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

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P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, west. sub., lease 7 yrs., rent 30s, £35 wk., 5 yrs. same hds., £225. 114A Pitt-st.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, handy sub., perp. lease, rent £3, drawn 7 x 38 xxx wk., pays £40 mth., £450.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, Illawarra sub., net profits £400 per ann., 6 x 36 xxx, £600. 114A Pitt-st.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, Crown-st, rent £3, 4 yrs. same hds., 6 x 27 wk., tkg. £28, proof, g. barg., £220.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, nr. Grace Bros., £30 wk., must sell, £160. Hotel, suburb, rent £2, 4 x 27 xxx, £100.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, railway sub., lease 45 yrs., rent £2, draws 9 x 36 xxx wk., tip-top, ord., £900.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, Southern line, rent £28 p. an., 40 ac. land, same hds. 7 yrs., meet buyer, £160.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, South Coast line, good, rent, very low, tkg. £25 wk., same hds. 3 yrs., £200.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, ctry., 10 yrs. rent £4 10s., 35 rooms, taking £70 week, £900.
P. V. RYAN.—Hotel, country, owner in possession, will give lease, proof, tkgs. £100 wk., £1500.
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HAIRD and Tob., George-st, 1, shop and residence, sal. tak. £4, shop £3, 3 Am. chairs, splendidly stocked and fitted, vendor leaving State will sell with or without stock, £125. Owen and Co., 40 C'reagh-st.
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JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, gd. city corner, 3 bars, tak. £40 week, illness compels quick sale, £200.
JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, at large works, 7 x 30s, Tooth's, heavy trade st., lease 9 yrs., £585.
JOSEPH and CO.—Hotel, at sub. stn., 6 x 27s Tooth's wk., rent 40s, large grounds, etc., only £280.
JOSEPH and CO.—Hotels, Redf., £100, £125; Surry Hills, £100, £200; Train Terms, £200, 106 King-st.
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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF LANE COVE.
ASSESSMENT NOTICE.
NOTICE is hereby given that an Assessment upon all rateable property within the East, Central, and West Wards in the Municipality has been made by the Council thereof for the purposes set forth in Section 141 of the Municipalities Act of 1897, and that a GENERAL MUNICIPAL RATE of ONE SHILLING (1s) in the POUND (£) has been levied upon the assessed value thereof for the year 1905-1906. Also, that a special LIGHTING RATE has been levied upon such value of SIXPENCE (6d) in the POUND (£) upon all rateable property in the East, Central, and West Wards, under Section 143 of the said Act. And, further, that the books containing such assessment and rates are now open for the inspection of any persons rated or interested during office hours.
NOTICE is also hereby given that a Court of Petty Sessions will be holden at the North Sydney Police Court on MONDAY, the 20th day of MARCH, at 10 a.m., for the purpose of hearing appeals against such assessment. Notice of Appeal must be in writing and lodged with the Council Clerk seven days at least before the holding of such Court.
ARTHUR J. WILLIAMSON, Council Clerk.
Council-chambers, Longueville, Feb. 27th, 1905.

EAST WARD.
OWNER AND PROPERTY.
298.—J. Barker, Lot 14, Greendale Estate, Greenwich-road, £10.
476.—Owner, Lot 2, Sec. 3, Mitchell Estate, St. Lawrence-street, £7.
477.—Owner, Lot 1, Sec. 3, Mitchell Estate, St. Lawrence-street, £7.
501.—Owner, Lot 16-18, Sec. 9, Mitchell Estate, Serpentine-road, £3.
502.—Owner, Lot 19-20, Sec. 9, Mitchell Estate, Serpentine-road, £3.
520.—Owner, Lot 8-10, Sec. 11, Mitchell Estate, George-street, £6 6s.
526.—Sheargor or Owner, Lot 32-57, Green Estate, O'Connell-street, £40.
540.—Speers or Owner, Lot 59, Green Estate, O'Connell-street, £7 10s.
627.—W. Stewart, Lot 29, Sec. 3, St. Leonards Park Estate, River-road, £2.
633.—R. Doyford, Lot 19, Sec. 1, St. Leonards Park Estate, River-road, £4 10s.

CENTRAL WARD.
20.—Forsberg or Owner, Lot 36, Seabright Estate, Northwood-road, £4.
22.—Forsberg or Owner, Lot 38, Seabright Estate, Northwood-road, £4.
23.—Forsberg or Owner, Lot 69-70, Seabright Estate, Northwood-road, £8.
112.—Est. of late C. Stratford, Lot 20, Seabright Estate, Northwood-road, £2.
115.—Forsberg or Owner, Lot 24-25, Seabright Estate, Northwood-road, £5.
126.—Owner, Lot 55, Seabright Estate, Northwood-road, £2.
128.—Forsberg or Owner, Lot 65, Seabright Estate, Northwood-road, £3.
319.—M'Rae, Lot 5-6, Longueville Estate, Arabella-street, £15.
430.—E. H. M'Rae, Lot 7-8, Longueville Estate, Lagretia-avenue, £10.

WEST WARD.
5.—Owner, Lot 4, Hill Crest Estate, Gordon-road, £6.
91.—J. V. Bottomley, Lot 10, Burns Bay-road, £2 10s.
92.—J. V. Bottomley, Lot 11, Burns Bay-road, £2 10s.
79.—Exors. of late Le Pahrwer, 10acs., Woodcock Estate, Penrose-street, £40.
80.—Samuel Graham, Lot 1, Sec. B, Woodville Estate, Longueville-street.
115.—J. N. G. Smith, Land 2-1-29, Cornwall Estate, Tambourine Bay-road, £2 15s.
199.—Owner, Lot 24, Helen-street, £4.

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IRRIGATION Steam or Hydraulic, 10,000ft; Lloyd's best 14 Pipe, half price. J. Cribble, 873 Hay-st.
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WANTED, for CASH, 4ft din Flanged TROLLY WHEELS, with 2 axles, about 120ft of 7lb Tram Rails, 1 small Crab Winch, 1 400gal. Iron Tank. State price to Box 1062, G.P.O.
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CASH or TERMS.—Dealer's Van, Horse, Harness; £7. 2 Ponys, Dealer's Cart, Harness, Harness, £9; Milkcart, Cans, £6; Pony, Sulky, Harn, £7. Letters, orders, atten. Archer's, Square, Compass, 706 Geo.-st.
A GOOD Assortment of Buggies, Sociables, Sulkies, Spring Carts, Harness, Carts, Harness, and Saddlery, at lowest possible prices.
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WANTED, PRICE for four Second-hand OMNIBUSES, in good order and condition.
Apply by letter to
A. H., 52 Castlereagh-street, city.
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FOR SALE, light Spare VAN, yng. Horse, and Harness. Apply S. F. Jones, Hampden-st, Penshurst.
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FOR SALE, splendid second-hand TIPCART. E. J. Adams, Middle-st, Lower Randwick.
FOR SALE, Chiff Pony, Sulky, and Harness, together or separate. Wyoming, Hercules-st, Chatswood.
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A COMMERCIAL requiring Horse and Sulky for a Hire can have same by apply. 22 Surry-st, Dhat.
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A NY one requiring a good Brougham Cab Lot, apply Morris and Co., Newtown Markets.
FOR SALE, gd. Pagnel Cart, suit grocer, butcher, or milkm., cost £14, chp. 36 Mary-st, Waterloo.
FOUR Horses, from £3; Draught Cart, Sulky, Van, Harness, cheap. 163 Wilson-st, Redfern.
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FOR SALE, SULKY and Harness, £2 10s the lot, owner leaving, must sell. 91 Chalmers-st, Redfern.
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Apply between 12 and 1 o'clock,
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THE FURNACE FOR GOLD.

A TALE OF A MINING COMMUNITY.

"The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the Lord trieth the hearts."—Proverbs XVII., 3.

BY ISABEL GRANT.

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CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

Lew Morgan, among the spectators, was inwardly tickled, though his serious face gave little signs of this, by the absorbed air of importance of the officials, and those who were to present addresses.

Everybody in the town, from infants in arms to the oldest (though he was not very old) inhabitant, was gathered around the gaily festooned pavilion, and as the four-in-hand drove up, the children, with the hearty assistance of the band, broke into the National Anthem. The men uncovered their heads, showed their honest, sun-browned, joyful faces, and cheered vociferously. It was an inspiring scene!

"King Billy," the millionaire who owned most of the mine, and who was a prime favourite in the township, looked at the crowd from his position beside the Governor, with a heart swelling with pride in Neummurra, his own kingdom.

When Sir George Thurston stepped forward to speak it was seen that he was a tall, soldierly man, on the sunny side of middle age, with a pleasant, smiling face, and kind grey eyes.

He spoke briefly, but though not an orator, there was something manly and attractive in his direct, honest, style of speaking. The children were to be given a holiday on the morrow, he said.

The children and the grown people cheered heartily at the conclusion of his speech, and everybody seemed happy.

But, as one after another, the men who had been selected stepped forward, presented their addresses, and received a reply, a blankness of boredom began to settle on most of the faces. Whatever he may have felt, however, his Excellency contrived to look pleased and interested until the whole long-winded function drew to a close; but the air with which he at last sank back against the cushions of the buggy, as he stepped into it again, was in itself a confession of weariness.

For the vice-regal party had been driving all the morning over a dusty road, and now while the addresses were being read the sun beat mercilessly down on the hollow, and the heat waves danced over the grasses. The children, in spite of their excitement, grew weary, and the miners looked hopelessly at each other until the last address was safely got rid of.

The Governor's fatigue had but short respite, however, for the indefatigable entertainment committee had prepared a programme that would occupy every moment of his stay in Neummurra.

As soon as lunch was over, Sir George was given to understand that the hospital was awaiting the honour of his visit, and that an address would be presented by the president, he would be expected to make a speech in reply.

Nestfield, the local member, and Colville, the Minister for Mines, who had accompanied the Governor, looked at each other in dismay; it seemed to them the badgered Governor must have exhausted his vocabulary, but no expression, save one of pleased expectation, could be read on the face of Sir George Thurston.

After the hospital visit, the committee had arranged with the manager to have the visiting party shown over the mine, and shortly after three o'clock they came up the hill.

Daniel Marlowe, the "Boss of the Lower Works," held in his hand a test tube with solution, and as he poured into it some sulphate or iron, he stared fixedly at the mixture, but his thoughts were not on his occupation. The men working in the shed stole sly glances at the moody face, and wondered "what had put the Boss out." A few of them guessed the reason, for they had noticed that Buxton had passed the sheds with the Governor, and gone straight to the upper works without a glance for Marlowe, who was standing at the entrance; and they knew that it was from the boss of Marlowe that Buxton's first visit to Neummurra was always to his old mate. William Buxton and Daniel Marlowe had been mates at school, and again in a shipping office in Sydney.

At Buxton's persuasions, Marlowe had left the office and gone prospecting with him, after a few unlucky years they had separated, Marlowe returning to Sydney, and Buxton going to North Queensland.

Buxton at first had a hard struggle, but before long he made a little money, and began to speculate in mining shares.

He was strangely fortunate, and was becoming moderately wealthy, when chance threw in his way the original claim of Neummurra. He made a trip to the mine, and soon saw that the opportunity of his lifetime had come. When a company was floated he bought as many shares as he could, and by the time lower-witted investors were beginning to make inquiries after shares Buxton was practically the chief shareholder. In a few more years he had bought out three of the five original shareholders, and was made chairman of the directors of the "Neummurra Gold-mining Company, Limited."

Some people were inclined to describe a scheming rogue, but the miners recognised in "King Billy," as they called him, a straight-dealing man, with a contempt for humbug, and they respected him, in defiance of adverse reports. On a trip south, after his appointment as chairman of directors, he met his old mate in Sydney, and persuaded him once more to take office where he was still struggling on a small salary. A position was found for him at the mine, and as year after year passed by and Marlowe grew to understand the work, he was promoted step by step, until at last he was "Boss of the Lower Sheds," with but one man above him—the manager of the mine.

But the steady promotion Dan recognised the influence of his old mate, but though he was grateful to him, he felt in his own mind that all this was no more than his due. Were they not mates? And had it not been share and share alike in the old days? If he had been lucky enough to drop into such a good thing as Neummurra would he not, from his first impulse have been to share his good fortune with his mate? It was true, Buxton had done a great deal for him; but in doing this Dan felt he had not actually parted with a penny of his own money. His patronage had cost him nothing.

Two years ago, on the removal of the last manager, Dan had expected that this position, the last step on his career of promotion, would be given to him. But Buxton was then in England, and the directors had appointed Carson, a southern man.

As soon as Carson was appointed manager a deep sense of injustice rankled in Dan's heart. He had grown to expect the position as his right,

LAW REPORT.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27.

IN BANCO.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Pring.)

SELECTION IN POPULATION AREAS.

Re application of G. A. Hack (Minister for Lands appellant).

Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for the Minister for Lands in support of the appeal. The respondent did not appear. This was also a special case stated for the decision of the Court. It appeared that on March 10, 1900, certain lands within the suburban and population boundaries of the city of Armidale were set apart by notification under section 18 of the Crown Lands Act, 1889, as a special area. Respondent, George Alfred Hack, on May 30, 1901, took up an original conditional purchase of 20 acres 2 roods 1 perch in the area named, and on June 25, 1902, he took up an additional conditional purchase of 32 acres in the same parish and county, being the maximum allowed to be applied for. On January 7, 1904, the respondent made an application for an additional conditional purchase of 64½ acres, and for a conditional lease of 160 acres in a special area which had been thrown open in 1892 for homestead selection under the same Act. The local land board, sitting at Armidale, being in doubt whether the land was available for application, referred the question to the appellant, which in June last decided that the lands were available for the respondent's applications for an additional conditional purchase and conditional lease. From this decision the Minister for Lands now appealed, and the question for decision was: "Are lands which have been notified as available for homestead selection thereby available also for additional conditional purchase and conditional lease under the provisions of the Crown Lands Acts, notwithstanding that such lands are situated within the suburban or population boundaries or population area of a city, town, or village."

Mr. Hanbury Davies having concluded his argument

The Chief Justice, in delivering the judgment of the Court, said that by section 21, subsection 4 of the Crown Lands Act of 1884, Crown lands reserved or set apart for town or suburban lands or for village sites were exempted from conditional purchase. Subsequently by the Act of 1895, homestead selections were created. The Crown Lands Act Amendment Act, 1903, No. 15, section 3, provided that the holder of an original conditional purchase might apply for additional land; and subsection "A" provided that "subject to the provisions of section 4 of this Act, land shall be available for the purpose of any such application which is available for homestead selection, etc., whether specifically set apart for this class of holding applied for or not." It appeared that Hack was the owner of a conditional purchase, and he applied for land as an additional conditional purchase under section 3, of certain land, which, being suburban lands, had been set apart as an area open to homestead selection. It appeared to him to be quite clear that he could not do so until the Minister had set apart that area or part of it by a notification under section 4 of the Act, 1903. That section provided that: "notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the principal Act, the Minister may, by notification in the "Gazette," set apart areas that become available on or after such dates as may be specified), for additional conditional purchases, etc. at such rents, capital values, or prices as may be specified, etc." In the present case no such "Gazette" notification had been issued. The only doubt he had felt in the case arising from the fact that the Land Appeal Court appeared to have thought that section 4 had no application to the case. The appeal must be sustained, and the question submitted must be answered "No; unless and until the notification referred to in section 4 has been issued."

QUESTION OF MILK ADULTERATION.

APPEAL FROM A MAGISTRATE.

AN ANALYSIS AND THE CONCLUSION THEREFROM.

Re Edward Rigby (T. H. Dickson and E. H. Wilshire, S.M., respondents).

Mr. Shand, instructed by Mr. H. A. Lyons, appeared for the applicant, Edward Rigby, and moved for a rule nisi calling upon respondents to show cause why a statutory prohibition should not be granted to restrain them from proceeding further on the conviction of the applicant upon an information framed under the provisions of the Public Health Act (No. 30, of 1903). It appeared that Rigby was charged with that on the 5th January last, in the municipality of Waverley, he did, to the prejudice of the purchaser, Henry Dickson, a public analyst inspector for the Borough of Waverley), sell to him milk which was not of the nature, substance, or quality of the food demanded by him. The inspector obtained the milk from applicant in the usual way, and took it to Dr. Hamlet, Government Analyst, whose certificate was put in showing that, in his opinion, the sample of milk contained 9½ per cent. of milk, and added water 81 per cent. Dickson, in his evidence, also admitted that Rigby's cattle were good and well fed, and at the close of the case for the prosecution Mr. Lyons submitted, among other objections, that the certificate of analysis was not evidence (referring to ex parte Kilby, 18 Weekly Notes, 1900), and therefore the information should be dismissed; and also that there was no evidence that defendant had sold milk not up to the standard. The magistrate, however, overruled the objections, and Rigby then gave evidence that the milk was the same condition when he gave it to the inspector as when he took it from the cows, and that he added no water. He gave his cows the best of food, but it was possible for a cow in good condition to give milk that would be below a certain standard, owing to the dry weather. Mr. Wilshire, however, convicted accused, and he was fined £12 10s, and 26s 6d costs, in default two months' hard labour. He now appealed.

Mr. Shand: The accused was found guilty, which seems to be a matter of course nowadays in these cases.

The Chief Justice: And happily so, if milk is adulterated.

Mr. Shand said that the certificate of analysis was put in, but the analyst did not appear for cross-examination, and it was not proved that the certificate tendered was in the form prescribed by the Act.

Mr. Justice Pring: Do I understand you to admit that if the provisions of section 32 of the Act had been followed there would be no necessity to call the analyst?

Mr. Shand said he did not admit it, because somebody should have been called to show that the milk was not of the nature, substance, or quality demanded. The analyst took upon himself to say that the water found in the milk had been added, and yet he did not appear to be cross-examined if necessary. English cases showed that there was quite a difference between the milk of different cows, and applicant here swore that he added no water. In the English Act there was a provision that if the analyst was required for cross-examination the certificate was not sufficient.

The Chief Justice: There is one way of adulterating milk, and that is to pour water into the empty can, and then pour the milk in. I do not say that was so here, but Mr. Hamlet said that a certain quantity of water was added to the milk.

Mr. Shand: There was no evidence here that applicant added any milk, and Mr. Hamlet was just as likely to be wrong as any other scientific man. What I contend is that there was no evidence before the magistrate that the provisions of section 32 of the Act were complied with, and the result of Mr. Hamlet's analysis was not evidence of adulteration.

The Chief Justice: The conclusion come to by the magistrate was that the certificate of the analyst was evidence of adulteration under the Act.

Mr. Shand said that what he objected to was that the Government Analyst, in his certificate, referred to "added" water when there was no evidence justifying such a conclusion. Water was one of the natural constituents of milk, and it was not for the analyst to say, because he found a certain percentage of water, that it had been added. He was drawing conclusions from the result of his analysis, and he had no right to do that. The course pursued before the magistrate was in contravention of the ordinary principle that before evidence can be given against a person it must be on oath and in his presence. It was amazing the quantity of water that was found in what was termed pure milk, and in the present case the magistrate had no satisfactory evidence before him that the water was added by accused. It was certainly an unsafe method of arriving at a conclusion to accept the certificate, especially as it was not proved that it was in the form prescribed in the Act.

The rule was granted, on the ground "that there was no proof that the certificate was in the form prescribed by the Act, or any rules or regulations thereunder." The rule was made returnable that day week.

CLAIM FOR SERVICES.

EXPENSES AT AN ELECTION.

ORDER FOR NEW TRIAL SET ASIDE.

Re J. Weixler (G. R. Evans and Sir William Lyne, respondents).

Dr. Brissenden, instructed by Messrs. Emerson and Tietyens, of Albury (by his agent, Mr. L. M. Quinlan), appeared for Joseph Weixler, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by which George Rupert Evans, P.M., of Albury, and Sir William John Lyne, M.P., had been called upon to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be issued to restrain them from further proceeding upon an order made by the magistrate on January 20 last, for a new trial of an action tried in the Small Debts Court at Albury on January 10, wherein Weixler was the plaintiff and Sir William Lyne was the defendant. There was no appearance on the part of the respondents. It appeared from the affidavits that Weixler sued respondent Lyne to recover the sum of £6 10s, balance of account alleged to be due for services rendered in the hire of a horse and buggy from November to December, 1903, during an election contest. Defendant, though not present, was represented by his solicitor, who defended the action on the ground that nothing was due to complainant, but a verdict was returned in favour of Weixler for the full amount claimed. Subsequently defendant applied ex parte to the Police Magistrate sitting in Petty Sessions for an order for a new trial, which was granted. Plaintiff now sought to have the decision set aside on the grounds—1. That the order for a new trial was bad, inasmuch as defendant appeared at the trial by his attorney, and witnesses were called at the trial in his behalf. 2. That the order was bad, inasmuch as defendant had not paid the costs of the previous trial or given security for the costs of the new trial.

Rule absolute for a prohibition, with costs against respondent Lyne.

MOTION TO OUST AN ALDERMAN.

Re R. W. Hughes (J. C. Humphrey respondent).

Mr. W. A. Walker, instructed by Mr. E. B. Abigail, appeared for Richard William Hughes, of Waverley, and moved, under section 109 of the Municipalities Act of 1897 to make absolute a rule nisi calling upon John Carlile Humphrey to show cause why he should not be ousted from the position of alderman of the Lawson Ward of the Borough of Waverley on the ground that 53 votes were cast by married women, and that respondent's occupation was wrongly described. It appeared from the affidavits filed in support of the application that at the contest Humphrey polled 401 votes and applicant 385, so that the former won by 16 votes. Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. T. J. Dickson, appeared for the respondent merely to object to the payment of costs on the ground that he had not acted as alderman since the rule nisi was served upon him. An affidavit had, however, been filed by the other side, in which it was sworn that respondent took his seat as an alderman, and voted, after the receipt of the rule nisi.

Rule absolute ousting respondent, with costs.

A COUNTRY APPEAL.

AUCTIONEERS' LICENSES.

Re W. G. G. Lucas (H. Smith and others, respondents).

Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Langley and Brown, appeared for William George Goodin Lucas, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by which Henry Smith, J. W. Ness, W. Potts, E. W. Tucker, W. Nixon, Peter Meagher, J. Thorn, A. R. Tewkesbury, and H. Lake, justices of the peace, at Temora, had been called upon to show cause why a writ of mandamus should not be issued directing them to hear and determine the application of Lucas for a certificate authorising the issue to him of an auctioneer's license for the police district of Temora in pursuance of the Auctioneers' Licensing Act, 1898. Dr. Brissenden, instructed by Mr. E. A. P. Walsh, of Temora (by his agent, Mr. Leon L. Cohen), appeared for the respondents to oppose the application. The applicant's case was that when his name was called at the annual meeting of the justices at Temora for the licensing of the auctioneers, held on November 22, the chairman, after consulting the other justices present, stated that his application would be considered after that of the others. They then proceeded with and granted all the other applications, and the chairman announced that the Bench would not consider Lucas's application. After a retirement of several minutes the justices returned into court, when the chairman stated that Lucas's application was refused, and they declined to take a note that applicant was present in court, and that he was not asked to give evidence in support of his application, and had no opportunity of being heard before the application was refused. They also declined to state the *ground of their refusal*. He now appealed on the grounds—1. That the alleged hearing of the application by the respondents was illusory only. 2. That the respondents exercised their discretion given them by the Act arbitrarily and without making any inquiry into the circumstances of the case. 3. That the respondent Henry Smith (chairman) had personal and private interests against the granting of the application. That Smith was present at the same meeting, to the other respondents, for a similar license.

Dr. Brissenden submitted that the proper remedy of the applicant was for a writ of certiorari to quash the order, and that where a justice was accused of bias a mandamus was not the proper remedy. He also submitted that the Court would never order magistrates to perform a certain duty which they were not bound to perform by the statute. As to the facts, applicant was not alive to his own interests, because when the justices were about to retire to consider his case he should have insisted upon being heard and giving evidence in support of his application.

The Chief Justice (Mr Justice Owen and Mr. Justice Pring concurring) said that at the meeting of the justices referred to there were nine applicants, and Mr. Lucas was fourth on the list, but when his application was reached the chairman ordered that it should be placed at the bottom of the list. The others were then heard and granted, and when Lucas's turn was called the chairman simply said they would retire to consider his application. Upon returning the chairman said they had refused the application, and though asked for a reason they gave none. These being the facts the application for a mandamus to compel the justices to discharge their duty. The duty of the respondent Smith was not to sit at all, as he was an interested party. It was the duty of the justices, under the 5th section of the Act, to find out first of all whether applicant was a "fit and proper person," and if it appeared that no objection had been raised against him on that score. That being so, it was their duty under the 12th section to grant the license after a hearing in open court, but the justices made no inquiry, or if they did it was made outside the court, and from gathered from Tewkesbury's affidavit that the reason was that two years before, when an application by Lucus was refused, he said he would go to Sydney and that he could take a similar course in the present case. The Court was asked for a mandamus directing the justices to hear and duly determine the matter, and as far as respondent Smith was concerned he could not do so, because he was an interested party. The Court therefore assumed that he would not sit.

Rule absolute for a mandamus, with costs against all the respondents.

DECISION OF THE ARBITRATION COURT SET ASIDE.

FOLLOWING THE JUDGMENT IN COAL-TRIMMERS' CASE.

Re Colliery Employees' Federation Northern District (Arbitration Court and Northern Colliery Proprietors and others respondents).

Mr. Watt, instructed by Mr. W. A. Reid, of Newcastle (by his agent, Mr. W. T. Flynn), appeared for the Colliery Employees' Federation, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi by which the Arbitration Court, the Northern Colliery Proprietors' Association, and certain colliery proprietors had been called on to show cause why a writ of prohibition should not be issued to restrain them from further proceeding upon an order made by the Arbitration Court on January 6, whereby all the employees (other than miners) of the Seaham, Dudley, Co-operative, Newcastle Company's A and B pits, West Wallsend, Burwood, Lambton B, and Stockton collieries were ordered to return to work forthwith, and if default was made the miners engaged in the respective collieries where such default took place should perform the work of such employees, and that for the performance of such work the miners should be paid the usual rates payable to miners who were taken off the coal to do shift work. The penalties fixed for disobedience of the order were £250, payable by the Employees' Union, and £5 by any employee, whether a member of the union or not. The present application was made upon a number of grounds, one of which was that the order was without jurisdiction "inasmuch as the relation of employer and employee did not exist between the parties affected by it. There was no appearance on behalf of the respondents, and Mr. Watt pointed out that the same point was decided by the Court last week in the case of the Newcastle coal-trimmers, in which it was held that as no contract of employment or service existed at the time the men ceased work there could be no strike within the Arbitration Court jurisdiction to intervene.

The rule was made absolute for a prohibition, with costs against respondents other than the Arbitration Court.

IN CHAMBERS.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring.)

ALLEGED BUILDING ENCROACHMENT.

WHAT IS A BALCONY?

Wearne v Beales.

Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, appeared for the informant, in an appeal from the decision of Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., given at Newtown, on December 29, last. Mr. Gannon, instructed by Mr. J. J. Jagelman, appeared for the defendant; in support of the decision. It appeared from the special case submitted for the opinion of the Court, that Theodal A. E. Wearne, Council Clerk, for the municipal district of Kogarah, prosecuted defendant, John A. Beales, on an information charging that on or about August 20, last, defendant encroached on the pathway, by allowing balconies to be erected in front of certain shops in the Railway Parade. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and after the evidence in support of the information had closed defendant's counsel without calling evidence submitted that the information had not been made out. The solicitor for the informant on the other hand, argued on the authority of the case of the Borough of Glebe v Bennett, 10 New South Wales Reports (Equity), page 211, that the erection was a building within the meaning of the 180th section of the Municipalities Act, 1897. The magistrate held that the case before him was distinguishable from that cited by the informant's solicitor, and that the erection was not a building within the meaning of the section referred to. He, therefore, dismissed the information, and directed informant to pay the sum of £1 1s, for costs, in default 24 hours' hard labour. The question for the determination of the Court was, whether the magistrate's determination was erroneous in point of law.

His Honor: Well, Mr. Gannon, how do you distinguish this case from that of the borough of Glebe v Bennett?

Mr. Gannon said that in the case cited the structure consisted of two stories erected on the balcony, but in the present case it was simply one cover upon another. The first balcony was to afford shade to the front of the shop, and to customers, and the upper one was for the convenience of the tenant of the premises. In the Act the right to put up an awning was preserved to the occupant, and it was erected in a place which was certainly exposed. In Bennett's case it was a series of most substantial structures, but here the balcony was a light structure for the convenience of the public, and the occupant of the building, and was quite within the law. It was a structure similar to others erected throughout the city, and if it was a breach of the Act the law ought to be altered.

His Honor: That is a matter for the Legislature.

Mr. Gannon contended that the law was intended to adjust the building line and prevent persons from encroaching over it, and this was not an encroachment.

His Honor said the case was clearly covered by the decision in the Borough of the Glebe v Bennett. In that case the Chief Justice said this: "The erection seems to consist of a balcony raised on posts, let into the kerbstone, and supporting two stories of balconies, and it is, in my opinion, clearly a building, and consequently the injunction ought to go." If the words "two stories" were taken out of that decision and "one story" substituted, the cases would be the same, and the objection taken on behalf of respondent was therefore a distinction without a difference.

Appeal allowed, with costs.

IN EQUITY.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge.)

MERCHANT AND TRADERS' ASSOCIATION, LIMITED, v DUN AND CO.

Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Rich, instructed by Mr. Mark Mitchell, appeared for plaintiffs; and Mr. Pilcher, K.C., Mr. Want, K.C., and Mr. Street, instructed by Messrs. Norton, Smith, and Co., for defendants.

This matter came up for further consideration. His Honor was asked to decide whether plaintiffs had sustained damage by the use by defendants of certain reports and circulars, and whether £5 paid into court was sufficient compensation for such damage. The question of costs was also involved.

Argument was not concluded when the Court rose.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. Justice Cohen, and Messrs. S. Smith and J. P. Wright, members.)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIONS.

Several members of various unions were proceeded against for arrears of contributions, and a number of orders were made.

A BOOT TRADE MATTER.

In this case the secretary of the Boot Trade Union of New South Wales applied for a writ of attachment against J. Izzard for non-compliance with an order of the Court made on February 22, 1904, for the payment of arrears of subscriptions amounting to £3 5s 6d. The application was heard on February 20 last, and was adjourned for the purpose of enabling the applicant to show the earnings of the respondent, who was employed by Messrs. McMurtrie and Co. An affidavit was read by the manager of the firm showing that the wages received by respondent from February, 1904, to the end of January last averaged £2 5s per week.

Mr. A. J. M'Lachlan (M'Lachlan and Murray), who appeared for the claimant union, said that the union was very reluctant to press in this case, but it was necessary to do something to make members pay their subscriptions. It was purely a question of principle, and he did not intend to apply for costs.

The Court granted a writ of attachment, which, by consent, was ordered to lie in the office for 14 days.

IN PROBATE.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker, Probate Judge.)

Probate was granted in respect of the wills of the following deceased persons:—Albert Rowland, Victor B. C. St. H. Hall, Edmund Edwards, Stephen Williamson, Wilhelm Konig, Charles Gill, Jane Alexander, Andrew Hudson, Jane A. Musgrove, George Bambach, Robert Coward, Douglas A. McMillan Herbert Hall, Mary Wheatley, Charles Woodhouse, Robert E. Cooke, Joshua Clarke, George Regan, Richard Weston, James Finlay, Joseph G. Bayliss, James Armstrong, Alexander Cameron, Alexander Reid, Thomas Nolan.

Letters of administration were granted in the estates of Alfred Harrison, James Thomas, Joseph Pearson, George W. Rose, Samuel Williams, Margaret Ada Dee, Joseph J. O'Brien, Marjorie J. Tyson, John Jamieson.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

HEARING OF CREDITORS' PETITIONS.

Harris Cohen (trading as Evers and Cohen) v J. J. Ryan. Mr. H. A. Lyons appeared for petitioner, and asked for an extension of time for a week, as the petition had not been verified. Adjourned to March 4.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Frederick Augustus Bolles Peters. Mr. M'Donell (M'Donell and Moffitt) appeared for bankrupt, and asked for an adjournment, as the creditors were withdraw the application, as steps were being taken to release the estate. Leave given accordingly.

Re John Henry Webber. Mr. Clines appeared for bankrupt, and asked for an adjournment, as the report had not been answered. Adjourned to March 4.

Re Jack Ayoub. On the application of the official assignee the matter was adjourned till March 27.

Re John Edward Tindall. There was no appearance of bankrupt. Adjourned to March 13.

EXAMINATIONS UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Herbert Walden. Mr. Lindeman, who appeared for the official assignee, asked for an adjournment, as the summons had not been served. Adjourned to March 3.

Re George Edward Tucker. Mr. G. Hemsley appeared for the official assignee. One witness was examined. The examination closed.

Re William Stephen Turner. One witness, bankrupt, was examined by the official assignee. The examination closed.

MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Robert Steer. Bankrupt was sworn and examined by the official assignee. Creditors did not wish to examine. No resolution was moved. The meeting closed, and the public examination was declared concluded.

Re Sarah Ann Pearce. Bankrupt was sworn, and examined by the official assignee. Creditors did not wish to examine. No resolution was moved. The meeting closed, and the public examination was declared concluded.

Re William Richard Wilson. Bankrupt was sworn and examined by the official assignee. Bankrupt was ordered to file accounts for two years by March 10. Adjourned to March 14.

Re William G. Ferris. Bankrupt was sworn and examined by Mr. Lambton on behalf of the official assignee. Bankrupt's name is William Godfrey Ferris, and the register was directed to be amended accordingly. As the amended accounts were only filed on Saturday the matter, on the application of Mr. Lambton, was adjourned to March 7.

Re Robert Cunninghan. Bankrupt was sworn, and examined by the official assignee. As a claim for rent, £617, required investigation, the matter, on the application of the official assignee, was adjourned to March 6.

Re Henry Brown. Bankrupt was sworn, and examined by the official assignee. Bankrupt's real name is Pabaloski, and the register was directed to be amended accordingly. Creditors did not wish to examine. No resolution was moved. The meeting closed, and the public examination was declared concluded.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS

Harris Robinson, of Canowindra, general draper. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

Lawrence Walter Beilken, of Brown-street, Broken Hill, labourer. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before the President, Mr. H. A. G. Curry; and Commissioners C. Brandis and W. Houston.)

Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared for the Crown.

REFERENCE SUSTAINED.

The reference of the Minister for Lands for determination of the value of the land comprised in Patrick Nash's improvement purchase, No. 1903-11, Parkes, was sustained, and the value of the land determined at £40. Mr. Stewart appeared for Nash.

APPEAL SUSTAINED.

The Court sustained M. J. Devine's appeal against the appraised annual rent of his additional C.L. No. 1904-8, Molong. The C.L. consisted of 1148 acres, the local land board appraising the annual rent at 5d per acre. The rent was now determined at 4d per acre.

DECISION RESERVED.

Mr. Pike appeared for C. J. M'Farland in an appeal against the disallowance of his additional S.L. application, No. 1904-7, Warialda. The case was before the Court in September last when it was remitted to the Warialda board for further evidence, as to the 'quality of the land adjoining M'Farland's S.L., and also the land applied for. This evidence was tendered, and the Court reserved its decision.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

J. Boxsell appealed against the Condobolin land board's decision in re his application for appraisement of the capital value of the land comprised in his C.P. (64 acres), No. 1890-150, and C.L. (1920 acres), No. 18,541, Condobolin. The board had refused the application as appellant had never resided upon the land. It was stated that he resided for the greater part of the year on a holding of 2000 acres at Coota-mundra. The appeal was dismissed, deposit to be refunded.

The Court adjourned till the following day.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Rogers, K.C.)

A CANLEY VALE CASE.

TROUBLE ARISING OUT OF A RESUMPTION.

Wright v Cooke.

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. H. A. Langley, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. A. Loxton, instructed by Mr. W. P. Perkins, for defendant. Plaintiff, Alfred Wright, of Lower Bay View-street, North Sydney, brought an action against Benjamin Cooke, of 126 Phillip-street, Sydney, financial agent, to recover compensation for that defendant denied to him the possession of certain lands, residence, and improvements at Canley Vale, Liverpool Plains, and plaintiff was compelled to erect another fence. On this count plaintiff claimed £150, and on a second count he claimed £48 for the erection of fences, labour, etc. The defence was not guilty and never indebted, and a set off for rent alleged to be due, £21. Defendant further pleaded that plaintiff became and was a tenant of defendant of the premises on the terms that plaintiff should, during the tenancy, use the premises in a tenant-like and proper manner, yet plaintiff, during the said tenancy, used the premises in an untenantlike and improper manner, and damaged the residence of the premises and the fences and buildings, and fences, and cut and removed valuable trees and firewood belonging to defendant, and defendant claimed for such damage, by way of cross action, £150. Defendant, however, was willing to set off so much of the said counter claim and damages as might be required to meet the debt alleged by plaintiff to be due, and claimed to recover in respect of the excess.

Evidence was given to show that plaintiff leased the premises from defendant for a period of three years, and after he had been in possession about 12 months the Government resumed the area referred to, broken down the fences, and had a road made through the property to connect Canley Vale station with the Great Southern-road. Defendant was Mayor of Canley Vale at the time. Plaintiff considered he had been badly treated in the matter, and as defendant, according to plaintiff, had broken the lease, he would not pay any more rent. Defendant thereupon took proceedings for ejecting plaintiff, and succeeded in the action for that purpose, hence the present action. Plaintiff admitted that £17 was owing for rent.

Loxton contended that plaintiff could not recover on either count, and asked for a nonsuit on the first count.

His Honor said there was evidence given to the effect that before the property was resumed defendant, as Mayor of Bankville, a municipality, advocated the resumption of the land. Did not that amount to his seeking to interfere with plaintiff's "quiet enjoyment" of the property?

Mr. Loxton: Not if he were Mayor.

His Honor: It's very convenient for a man to advocate the resumption of land while he is Mayor if he is to be compensated by the Government. According to the Act, there does not seem to be anybody regarded except "the owner." And I don't know what "the owners" may mean.

Mr. Loxton said "owner" was a general term.

His Honor said the point that was troubling him was in regard to the evidence that defendant advocated the resumption of the land.

Mr. James submitted that the only way plaintiff could get compensation was by suing the owner of the property. There was surely some right of action for the injury he had sustained. There was evidence that Mr. Cooke was the owner of the land, and that he had advocated its resumption. Under the Act the person who was a tenant had no remedy at all against the persons who resumed, and who ousted him. He was driven to the Act to get compensation could be given only to the owner. So that if the tenant suffered he must be compensated by the owner of the land.

His Honor: Has there been a decision on that point?

Mr. James: No.

Mr. Loxton, in regard to defendant's action in advocating the resumption of the land, said that there was no suggestion that he did anything except in his capacity as Mayor.

His Honor said, apart from the evidence as to defendant's advocacy of the resumption, he would hold that defendant was not liable for the compulsory resumption by the Government.

Mr. Loxton submitted that plaintiff had absolutely failed to make out his case.

After further argument, his Honor gave a verdict for defendant.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. Herbert Harris was Crown Prosecutor.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN KENT-STREET.

A well-proportioned young woman, Mary Telfer, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on Christmas Day maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm upon Thomas Lyons. Mr. H. A. Moss appeared for the defence. Lyons, a man of small build, stated that accused and her husband, who is a marine engineer, were boarding at his house in Kent-street. At breakfast on Christmas Day, when Mrs. Telfer entered the room and accused him of talking about her. An altercation arose, which ended in his receiving from accused two blows on the head with a poker. He was rendered unconscious, and was taken to the Sydney Hospital, where it was seen that he had a contused wound over the left temple, and his right ear was almost torn off. A medical witness said that Lyons was pretty well under the influence of liquor, and was singing Christmas carols.

His Honor: It's a poor heart that never rejoices.

The arresting police sergeant would not undertake to say the accused was under the influence of drink. Accused deposed that she was perfectly sober. She heard Lyons and a female commenting about her, and told them to desist. Lyons retorted with some bad language, struck her on the head, and then tried to throw her on to the floor. She picked up the poker, and struck him on the head, but had no intention of injuring him.

After a few minutes' retirement the jury found her not guilty, and she was discharged.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT ROCKDALE.

Three young men, John Bonnyman (a shearer), George Wardle (a clerk), and Ernest Edward Kelso (a fitter), pleaded not guilty to having assaulted Constable Reginald Harold B. Drew, at Rockdale, on Christmas Day. Accused were defended by Mr. P. J. Sullivan. The Crown case was that Constable Drew about 6 p.m. saw four or five men, including accused, behaving in a disorderly manner in a Rockdale street. He asked them to move on. Bonnyman said he would do so when ready. After some words the men closed round the policeman, who had struck Bonnyman, and pushed and knocked him about. It was stated that he had his thumb twisted, his neck and face cut, and his collar torn.

In reply to Mr. Sullivan, Drew said that there was no friction between the young men and himself. None of the accused had ever been in trouble before.

His Honor: What was the disorderly conduct?—They were singing out and pushing one another about.

Is there any harm in that when no one is about? It was only skylarking.

The three accused each entered the box, and denied the assault.

Miss Bonnyman said she was on her way to church, and was only 10 or 12 yards away when she saw the policeman, who was excited, and the accused, who were walking along quietly. Drew extended his arms, and asked them "What are you poking it at me for?" They replied that they were not doing so. They turned to move, and he drew his baton and knocked her brother against a picket fence, using bad language. Her brother asked the policeman what he was taking him for, but Drew did not answer. He hit her brother go, and caught hold of Kelso, who had done nothing. There was no assault.

Miss Bonnyman's version was corroborated by two young men, who also saw the proceedings. They said, as also did the accused, that the policeman made use of the remark: "Get work, you ——." The Crown admitted that the accused bore good characters.

The jury, after brief deliberation, acquitted the three accused, who were discharged.

THREE BOTTLES OF BEER.

Edward O'Brien and George Lancaster, young men, pleaded not guilty to having stolen three bottles of beer on December 29 from the storeroom of Daniel Langley's Albert Park Hotel, in Brisbane-street. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for accused. At the close of the Crown case his Honor remarked to the Crown Prosecutor: "How can you labour a case like this? I can't make it out." Turning to the jury, he said there was not a particle of evidence against O'Brien. By the Judge's direction O'Brien was acquitted. The jury also found Lancaster not guilty. The beer, it might be mentioned, was valued at 6d per bottle.

PLEADED GUILTY.

Arthur Larter, aged 22, pleaded guilty to breaking and entering the house of T. H. Cullen, at Dulwich Hill, on February 6, with intent to commit a felony. At Ryde in 1897 he was convicted for stealing; in September, 1900, at the Sydney Quarter Sessions he was sentenced to five years' penal servitude for housebreaking, and to three years for stealing, sentences being concurrent. Prisoner was remanded.

Thomas Fischer, a young man, pleaded guilty to two charges of passing valueless cheques. On January 5 he obtained £3 17s 6d by this means from A. E. Morton, and on January 27 the sum of £2 5s from Jane Dobson, of Hornsby. Several convictions for stealing and false pretences were read out against prisoner, who was remanded for sentence.

"TECHNICALLY GUILTY" OF ARSON.

John Byrnes, who was, on February 9, technically found guilty of arson—setting fire to a tent at Oatley—and recommended to mercy by the jury, was called up. Prisoner had been under medical supervision since February 9, and his Honor, after accepting Byrnes's assurance that he would let strong drink alone in future, discharged him.

SENTENCED.

Alfred Smith, a young man, convicted on February 8 of stealing 10s from a Roselle shopkeeper, by the process known as "ringing the changes," was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The Crown abandoned another charge against him.

ALLEGED HORSE STEALING.

Augustus Robey, a young man, pleaded not guilty to stealing at Alexandria, on September 20 last, a horse belonging to A. C. Annobel. There was a second count of receiving. Mr. Stewart defended accused. The defence was that Robey was the tool of another man, who asked him to sell the horse. After an interval, the jury returned, and asked that as the accused had implicated a man named Jones, could Jones be called? They did not want to do Robey a possible injustice. They thought the Crown should find Jones.

His Honor said as far he knew Jones could not be produced. The Crown would not call him, as he was admittedly a thief. The jury could call Jones if he was present, but he should think that he was far away. (Laughter.)

Accused was found guilty of receiving, and was remanded for sentence.

LAW NOTICES.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—New trial motion: Glissan v Crowley. Probate.—Office.—Before Mr. Justice Pring. Probate.—Ex parte Leigh and another v Murray, 11 a.m. Before the Chief Clerk: Schuelle v Halford, 10.30 a.m.; Campbell' v M'Carthy, 10.45 a.m.; Brown v Brown, 11 a.m.

In Divorce.—Notice.—It is hereby notified that the sittings in Divorce will be commenced by Mr. Justice Walker if possible on Thursday next, 2nd ult. March, at 10 o'clock in No. 1 Jury Court.

Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Seymour v Hughes, summons to compel payment of purse money; Bradshaw v Edwards, summons for service out of jurisdiction; O'Connor v Fisher, summons to amend and for substituted service. At 10.30 a.m.: Merchants' Traders' Association v Dun, hearing part heard. Not before 2 p.m.: Cunneen v Sattler, only as to question of costs.

Before the Master in Equity.—At 12 noon: Paton v King, to settle minutes of order. At 12.15 p.m.: Green v Wallis, to settle minutes of order. At 12.30 p.m.: Minister for Works and Municipality of Waverley v Lowe, at 2 p.m.: Paisley v Paisley, to approve of order.

Before the Deputy-Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Tyson v Tyson, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Perpetual Trustee Co. v Biedee, to tax costs; same v same, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy-Registrar.—To pass accounts: Henry R. Lewes, 10; Alexander Campbell, 10.15; Lucknow, 10.30; Robert Lane, 11; William King, 11.15; Charles Kidd, 11.30; Jane Allen.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 10 a.m.: Examination under section 30—Arthur George Eden. Motion for order to rescind order of borough. 10/12/04—Robert Dunston. Motion for order under section 61—Robert Alexander Macpherson, Hyde Hayes. Examination under rule 107—F. E. Mid dleton. Examination under rule 107—Henry Wilhelmy. Examination under section 30—Percy Frank Goodin. Public examination—Sam Harper and Robert Daniel Morrison, trading as Harper and Morrison. Application for order for time for filing accounts and plans. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Taxation of petitioning creditor's costs—Frank Gallrein Wright.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members.—At 10 a.m.: For judgment—Broadcasters' Union v Goldcrich (No. 1); Broadcasters' Union v Bulli Colliery, Limited (complainant's appeal). For hearing—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the owners and Manly Ferry Employees' Union, industrial union of employees, claimant, and the Port Jackson Co-operative Steamship Company, Limited, industrial union of employers, respondents (part heard). Industrial Arbitration Office, Sydney, February 28, 1905.—Secretaries of industrial unions registered under the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1901, are reminded that the last day for forwarding lists of the members of the unions to the Registrar, as prescribed by the Act and regulations. Industrial unions are liable to a penalty not exceeding £20 for failure to comply therewith.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Rogers.—At 10 a.m.: Farrow and others v the Summer Hill Amusements, Ltd., Hennan and others v same, Mahony and others v same.

Before the Registrar in No. 2 Court.—King v J. H. Young and Co., Ltd., 10.30; Pottie ats. Jones, 10.50.

METROPOLITAN QUARTER SESSIONS.

John Proctor and Joseph White, assault on constable; Joseph White, assault on constable; John M'Mahon, assault and robbery; Arthur Diver Tuck, Claude Harold Begg, and Oscar Emanuel Pallett, conspiracy to defraud; Augustus Jones, stealing from the person.

POLICE COURTS.

BETTING PROSECUTIONS.

In the Water Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. C. E. Pavey, J.P., Walter Barnes, inspector of nuisances to the Borough of Randwick, proceeded against P. Young, of Cleveland-street, Redfern, for using a piece of land adjoining Barker-park, for betting purposes. Defendant pleaded guilty, and was fined £10, ordered to pay 21s costs, or in default two months' imprisonment.

At the same court Burt, Cash pleaded guilty to a charge of using a piece of land in the same locality for betting purposes, and was fined £1, and ordered to pay 21s costs, or 14 days in gaol.

Detectives Meredith and Frederick Elderton, or Fred, were each fined 20s and costs, or in default one month's imprisonment.

Time was allowed each of the defendants for payment of the fine.

BEGGING ALMS.

Before Mr. F. B. Isaacs, S.M., yesterday, at the North Sydney Police Court, John Williams, 50, was charged with begging alms in Walker-street on February 23 last. It was stated that at 7 p.m. on the day named the accused was seen to stop several people and solicit alms. There were several previous convictions against the accused. He was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment with hard labour.

RINGING THE CHANGES.

At the North Sydney Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. B. Isaacs, S.M., Leopold

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY,

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp,

Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness, And, Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness, at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Telephone, 1221.

BASKET RALLI CART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Brown Pony Gelding, about 13.1, reliable in saddle and harness, used to trams, Basket Ralli Cart, and Harness, making a stylish lot.

PAIR OF HORSES, TILTED WAGGON, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. C. Wilson to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,

Pair of Horses, good workers, Tilted Waggon, and Harness, in good repair.

SPRING DRAY AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Curr, St. Marys, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,

Spring Dray and Harness, suit a wood and coal merchant.

STYLISH HOODED BUGGY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Johnstone to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.,

Hooded S.S. Buggy trimmed with leather, and lamps, in good order.

ACTIVE DR. HORSE, FROM SOUTH COAST.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

An active Draught Grey Gelding, 4 yrs., 16 hands, thoroughly stanch, any trial, suit a merchant's van or light lorry.

WELL-KNOWN TROTTING MARE "LADY KATE."

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. Barnett to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

"LADY KATE," chestnut Mare, fast trotter, broken to saddle and a splendid buggy mare. Pedigree and performances at sale.

POST STALLION AND MARE, FROM WALLERAWANG.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. A. Tweedie, Wallerawang, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Brown Pony Stallion, with black points, 13.2, 7 yrs., by Prince Charlie (imp.), strongly built, a good mover in harness, and quiet, a sure foal getter; also black Pony Mare, 6 yrs., broken to saddle.

5 FRESH COUNTRY HORSES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. Carlton, Brushgrove, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

1 Grey Draught Gelding, stanch in all kinds of harness

1 Grey Hackney, 1 Champion Harness Mare, and 2 good Ponies.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, WEDNESDAY, AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above,

On account Mr. R. COX, Pitt Town:

20 Heavy and Active Draughts, 4 to 6 years old, in good condition, broken in.

On account SOUTHERN AGENTS:

20 Upstanding Harness Horses, all in good condition, 4 to 6 yrs. old, broken in.

On account Mr. C. W. PERRY, Sherwood Grange:

3 Good, Useful, Light Harness and Saddle Horses, broken.

On account of Mr. R. J. EAST, St. Marys:

Iron Grey Gelding, by Lambria, dam by Stockwell, 5 yrs. old, 14.2, broken to saddle, very quiet.

On account Owner:

Bay Pony Stallion, 5 yrs., by Nolet, by the Felon, dam Lily, broken to sad. and har.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

SATURDAY NEXT, at 12 o'clock.

635 HEAD. HEAD. 635.

WILLIAM INGLIS AND SON will sell by auction as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:

15 Newly-calved Cows, with calves at foot.

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40 Head, comprising 30 two-year-old steers, real good sorts, and

20 Dairy Heifers, 18 months to 2 years old.

70 Head Cattle, comprising store cows, heifers, and steers.

40 Good Dairy Heifers, 12 to 18 months old.

125 Head, comprising 100 superior Dairy Heifers, 9 to 12 months old, and 25 steers.

TRAIN leaves Sydney for St. Marys on Morning of Sale at 9.15, returning at 2.42 and 6.17 p.m.

AUCTION SALE, HORSES, VEHICLES, HARNESS, At 224 George-st. (between Bathurst and Liverpool sts.), THIS EVENING AFTER SALE.

H. B. ELLIOTT and CO. have received instructions from owners to sell, Without Reserve, 40 first-class and sub. Vehicles, 8 superior Saddles, Sockables, Spring Vans, Victorias, Phaetons, Buggarys, Village Pascal, Rail Carts, Vans, Waggons, Horses, Harness.

H. B. ELLIOTT, will sell as above, No. 2447.

WOOL SALES by Auction will be held TO-DAY, TUESDAY, at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, Bridge-street, at 3 p.m., as under:—

Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., 887 Bales.
Brooks, Jones, and Dutton, Ltd., 360 Bales.
Goldbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., 1026 Bales.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
UNRESERVED AUCTION SALE

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, WATCHES, etc.
HUNTING and OPEN GOLD and SILVER KEYLESS CHRONOGRAPHS
LADIES' and GENTS'S GOLD and SILVER LEVER and WALTHAM WATCHES
SINGLE-STONE, HALF-HOOP, and CLUSTER DIAMOND RINGS
Gold Alberts, Necklets, Links, and Solitaires
Diamond Brooches, Bracelets, Earrings, Studs, Lockets, Pins, etc.
Dress, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings.

JOHN P. LISTER has received instructions from Mr. J. Bates, of the Landholders' Loan, 26 Pitt-street, to sell by auction, AT HIS ROOMS, 247A PITT-STREET, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, the whole of the Unredeemed Jewellery, as above.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, on TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 7th and 8th March, the UNREDEEMED PLEDGES pawned with Mr. J. Bloom, 115 Bathurst-street:—

1855.—Oct.: 16th, g brooch. Nov.: 3rd, s. mtd. pottles, case, ring; 23rd, handbag, 3 silver mtd bottles, 2 Brooches, pin. 1904.—March: 23rd, 2 s & dia rings. April: 16th, g & s Wal. 8482980; 18th, case rings, 22ct, g & dia cross; 25th, 2 s & dia rings, g ring, g & h k wal 8562749; dia stone d ring, g keeper, g r bangle; 26th, g mtd brooch; 28th, s & h k wal 9486506, s albert, s & h k watch 2906417; 29th, s & dia locket, g r bangle; 30th, 2 g & dia rings, g & dia pin, s & h lever 2857, g albert, g stone, g albert. May: 1st, s ring, g & r gem 10749, s dia pin, g ring; 4th, g albert, 2 g brooches, g bangle, g & h k lever 12505, g & r gem 10749, s & h lever 42859, s & h lever 9485, s pin, keeper, p dia ring; 10th, g s ring, g & r gem 10217, g bangle, long g chain; 11th, s & h k wal 8482613, g albert, g ring; 15th, s & h lever 138861, 14ct, 3 dia cluster ring, 2 brooches, s & h k gen 98848, g locket, albert; 17th, g & r gem 10749, g albert, 2 dia rings, 9ct, g & r gem 2836, g albert, 2 dia rings, 9ct, g albert, 2 dia pins, g pin; 21st, s ring, g & h k gen 7858, g trinket, g & h k Elgin 8482612, s & h k watch 2906, g & h k Elgin 8482604, g brooch, 8482601, g albert, g & h k lever 2883; 9th, s & h k watch 2906, g albert, 2 dia rings, 9ct, g & r gem 10622, s & h k watch 2906, s & h k watch 138860, g albert; 24th, g stone ring, g & h dia ring, 18ct, 3 dia cluster ring, 18ct, s & h k watch 2906, s & h k watch 2906, g albert; 25th, g albert, g & h k lever 2883; 26th, g & h k watch, stone ring, g & h k watch 9083, albert; 3rd, band ring, 9ct, g albert, g & h k lever 2883; 9th, g albert, g & h dia cross brooch, stone onyx, dia ring, pearl brooch, dia cross brooch, stone onyx, dia ring, g albert, g & h k watch, stone ring, g & h k watch, stone ring, g & bangle; 14th, sig ring; 15th, band ring, 9ct ring, g bangle; 17th, sig ring; 18th, 2 g mtd pendants, 2 d rings; 20th, o ring, g & r lever 9021; 21st, g albert, stone ring, s & h k watch 12235, 3 rings, g bangle; 24th, sig ring; 25th, 2 s & dia rings, 2 g mtd pendants, 2 d rings; 28th, o ring, g brooch, s & h wal 25766, 2-stone dia ring; 31st, g & h k lever 1791, g albert, coin; 22nd, 6 g studs, w ring; 24th, s ring, r g & h k wal 8482602, g albert, 2 g s bangles; 25th, g pin, s & h wal 8482603, 2 s & dia rings, g & h k wal 8562749, dia stone d ring, g keeper, g r bangle; 26th, g mtd brooch; 28th, s & h wal 9486506, s albert, s & h k watch 2906417; 29th, s & dia locket, g r bangle; 30th, 2 g & dia rings, g & dia pin, s & h lever 2857, g albert, g stone, g albert. May: 1st, s ring, g & r gem 10749, s dia pin, g ring; 4th, g albert, 2 g brooches, g bangle, g & h k lever 12505, g & r gem 10749, s & h lever 42859, s & h lever 9485, s pin, keeper, p dia ring; 10th, g s ring, g & r gem 10217, g bangle, long g chain; 11th, s & h k wal 8482613, g albert, g ring; 15th, s & h lever 138861, 14ct, 3 dia cluster ring, 2 brooches, s & h k gen 98848, g locket, albert; 17th, g & r gem 10749, g albert, 2 dia rings, 9ct, g & r gem 2836, g albert, 2 dia rings, 9ct, g albert, 2 dia pins, g pin; 21st, s ring, g & h k Elgin 8482612, s & h k watch 2906, g & h k Elgin 8482604, g brooch, 8482601, g albert, g & h k lever 2883; 9th, s & h k watch 2906, g albert, 2 dia rings, 9ct, g & r gem 10622, s & h k watch 2906, s & h k watch 138860, g albert; 24th, g stone ring, g & h dia ring, 18ct, 3 dia cluster ring, 18ct, s & h k watch 2906, s & h k watch 2906, g albert; 25th, g albert, g & h k lever 2883; 26th, g & h k watch, stone ring, g & h k watch 9083, albert; 3rd, band ring, 9ct, g albert, g & h k lever 2883; 9th, g albert, g & h dia cross brooch, stone onyx, dia ring, pearl brooch, dia cross brooch, stone onyx, dia ring, g albert, g & h k watch, stone ring, g & h k watch, stone ring, g & bangle; 14th, sig ring; 15th, band ring, 9ct ring, g bangle; 17th, sig ring; 18th, 2 g mtd pendants, 2 d rings; 20th, o ring, g brooch, s & h wal 25766, 2-stone dia ring; 21

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DEATHS.

BOWN.—February 24, 1905, at Kinsel Grove, Bexley, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late George Holliday, and sister to Mrs. Henry Kinsela and John Holliday.

CUMING.—February 27, 1905, at Prince Alfred Hospital, John White Cuming, late of Johannesburg, South Africa, aged 70 years.

MARTIN.—On the 27th inst, at Exchange Hotel, Mittagong, Albert, the eldest son of Otto Martin, aged 34 years.

MURRAY.—February 23, at 10 Roman-road, Bedford Park, Chiswick, near London, Marianne, relict of the late Lieut.-Colonel J. F. Murray, Government Secretary, Jersey, aged 81 years. (By cable.) Inserted by her loving son, F. S. Murray, district engineer, Department of Public Works, Cootamundra.

WORBURN.—February 26, at Prince Alfred Hospital, William Worburn, aged 62. English and Australasian papers please copy.

IN MEMORIAM.

ABERNETHY.—A tribute of love to my dear son, Cecil, who died at Murrumburrah, February 28, 1904, aged 20 years 2 months. "Mother waits." Inserted by his loving mother, E. Abernethy.

BROWNE.—In loving memory of Ellen Lindsey Browne, wife of Lindsey Browne, of London-street, Enmore, who died at Callan Park, February 28, 1904. At rest. Inserted by her sincere friend, Annie Fairfax.

BULLOCK.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, Henrietta Bullock, who departed this life February 28, 1902. Inserted by her loving husband and children, William Bullock, Ashfield.

CAULFIELD.—In loving memory of our dear son and brother, Christopher (Cris), who was accidentally killed at North Sydney, February 28, 1900, aged 17 years and 5 months. Rest in peace. Inserted by his loving parents and brothers, Jack, Pete, and sister, Alice.

DAVIDSON.—In sad and loving memory of James Hutchison Davidson, who departed this life on February 28th, 1902. Nearer, my God, to Thee. Inserted by Mabel and Alex. Davidson, of High-street, Balmain.

FARRELL.—In sad but loving memory of James Farrell, master mariner, who died at sea, February 28, 1904, homeward bound after an absence of 11 months. R.I.P.

Lord, he was Thine, and not our own;
Thou hast not done us wrong.
Thank Thee, the Precious Lord
Afforded us so long.

Inserted by his sorrowing wife and children.

FARRELL.—In loving memory of my dear brother, Captain J. Farrell, who died at sea on R.M.S. Athenic, February 28, 1904. Inserted by his loving sister, Mrs. Robson, Coogee Aquarium.

GORDON.—In fond and loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, William Gordon, shipwright, who died from injuries accidentally received at Mort's Dock on February 28, 1898, aged 60 years. Still sadly missed and deeply mourned.
To forget dear husband and father is vain endeavour,
For love's remembrance lasts for ever.
Inserted by his loving wife and family; also his loving grandchildren.

GRAY.—In loving memory of our late comrade, Frank Septimus Gray, who departed this life 28th February, 1903. "Safe in the arms of Jesus." Inserted by his loving choir mates of St. Stephen's Church, Newtown.

GREENTREE.—In sad and loving memory of Annie, beloved wife of Herbert T. Greentree, who departed this life February 28, 1903.

The midnight stars are shining
Upon her lonely grave,
Where sleepeth without dreaming
The one we could not save.

Inserted by her loving husband and sister, Nelly Barrett.

HERBERT.—In sad and loving memory of my beloved husband and our dear father, Henry Herbert, who died at Leichhardt, February 27th, 1904. Inserted by his loving wife and family. Interred at Field of Mars.

KING.—In loving memory of my dear friend, John (Jackie), who departed this life on February 29th, 1903, aged 13½. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his friend, George Sutton.

M'MAHON.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Ellen M'Mahon, who departed this life February 28, 1899, at her residence, Travellers' Rest Hotel, Penrhyn. Inserted by her fond daughters, Mary, Ellen, Elizabeth, Theresa, and Annie. R.I.P.

ROSS.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Eliza Ross, who died February 28th, 1902. Inserted by her loving sons, Thomas, Alec., Robert, William, and James. Dead, but not forgotten.

SIMMONS.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Gladys Clare Simmons, who died 28th February, 1904, at her brother's residence, Oakthorpe, Wallabadah. Inserted by her loving father, sisters and brothers, Jack, Oswald, Clara, Roby, Alma, and Dorothea; also Amy Irvine. At rest, but ever in our thoughts.

SIMMONS.—In loving memory of my dearest friend, Gladys Clare Simmons, who died at her brother's residence, Oakthorpe, Wallabadah, 28th February, 1904. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving friend, Tom M'Kay.

TUCK.—In affectionate remembrance of our dear son and brother Jack, who passed away on February 28th, 1900, at the age of 15 years. Beloved by all who knew him. Inserted by his mother, father, sisters, and brothers. J. and A. Tuck and family.

RETURN THANKS.

Mrs. J. S. BREAR and FAMILY, of Horton-street, Marrickville, desire to return their sincere and heartfelt THANKS to the many kind neighbours, relatives, and friends who sent letters, cards, and floral tributes in their recent sad bereavement.

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THE QUESTION OF THE CAPITAL.

Mr. Carruthers was much surprised, we learn from his statement as published, to find among Federal members gathered in Hobart a consensus of opinion that the Constitution should be altered to admit of Sydney being the Federal capital. He reports that he found a strong objection there to large expenditure on a capital in the bush. There are several good reasons why this might be so. One is that as the conference spent much of its time in anxiously considering the results of increase in Federal expenditure and the consequences to the States and their finances, those who took part in its deliberations might very well hesitate before the prospect of such an outlay as the making of a Federal capital would entail. We are told that the disbursements would be spread over a term of years, but it is not certain that even this would help the situation much. Then, again, it is no secret that many Federal members have no particular fancy for exchanging their place of meeting in a large city for one in the remote country. But it is rather a matter for regret, these things being so, that they were not thought of and duly weighed before. Now it is necessary to change the Constitution and set aside an Act of the Federal Legislature before Sydney can become the capital, and in the face of this contingency it behoves New South Wales to consider seriously before it favours the taking of any steps to alter the existing Federal compact as to where the future capital shall or shall not be. Mr. Carruthers states that he will consult with Mr. Reid on the subject. But has either Mr. Reid or Mr. Carruthers so acted as to merit public confidence in their consideration of this particular question? That would seem to be the first point to be settled.

At present we know what this State is entitled to under the Constitution. The capital must be in New South Wales, and not within 100 miles of Sydney. We owe the exclusion of Sydney to Mr. Reid, when, as Premier of this State, he met the other Premiers in conference, and consented as our representative to that exclusion. Mr. Carruthers has not been in office long enough to be responsible for our neglect to assert our right during the three or four years since the Federal Legislature met, but since he came into power he gave the public the impression that he was waiting on the convenience of Mr. Reid. At present we are between this State's offer and the Federal Parliament's choice. But what we have first to safeguard is such right as we actually possess and the Constitution assures us. If the Federal Parliament begins now to amend the Constitution on this point, who is to guarantee us when it will stop? Are we prepared to accept the assurances of Mr. Reid or Mr. Carruthers? Neither from our own Cabinets, nor from the Federal Parliament, nor our direct representatives there or in conference, nor from certain expressions of public opinion in Melbourne have we any encouragement to trust anyone in this matter or anything but the strict letter of the Constitution. Once the work of amendment is begun it becomes simply a question of an accidental parliamentary majority to set the Federal compact regarding the capital site aside altogether.

MR. BOARD AT NEWCASTLE.

It is impossible not to see how keen an interest is being taken on all hands in the promised educational reform, and we may be sure that the remarks of Mr. Board at Newcastle will be very closely scanned. No one of course is unreasonable enough to demand that the new Director of Education, or anyone else, should produce a complete scheme of reconstruction at sight. If anything like that were expected there would be a good deal of cogency in the plea that a fair opportunity for constructive work had not been afforded. What may justly be expected is that unmistakable evidence will be given that the new administration of the department recognises the real incidence of recent criticism. Rightly or wrongly there exists an impression that whole-hearted reform is not likely to emanate from the department. If that impression is unfounded it is surely easy enough to remove. An opportunity in that direction came to Mr. Board at Newcastle, but it can hardly be said that it was put to very vigorous use. In speaking of the work of his predecessors the new Director was fairly within his brief. We certainly have no wish to appear to minify the value of what has been done; and if the work of the past were taken simply as an earnest of the work of the future, in the recognition of a new need and a better system, there would be little to say. But does Mr. Board really grasp the essentials of the situation? The Education Commissioners, it will be remembered, informed us that this "supposed excellence" was "quite mythical;" the system needed to be "radically reformed," its educational elements "completely transformed," examining as practised for generations was to be "abandoned as useless," and it was said in so many words that the obstacle to progress was the "antagonism of officers holding the highest positions in the department to any departure from the pupil-teacher system." No one was left in doubt as to the facts. The main lines of a genuine reform movement were clearly laid down. Our administration had become a red-tape routine, and the department a close borough. It refused to employ even its own scholars if these educated themselves. Its teachers were untaught, its inspection inspected nothing worth having, its syllabus covered a multitude of sins. That, briefly, is what the Commissioners said. They were not alone in saying it. In the light of all this what was demanded was strong direction independent of tradition, routine replaced by reality, genuine training of teachers, the abolition of the old-style inspector, and a common-sense curriculum. This is what was asked for. What is being received?

We presume Mr. Board's address is the first manifesto of the regime now constituted. At any rate it is the first considerable statement as to the actual intentions of Mr. O'Conor's department. No doubt great weight would attach to a Ministerial statement of the same length. If ever the taxpayer had a right to explicit statement from the responsible head of a department he has the right to it here. In default we must be satisfied with Mr. Board. It is not hard to make an accurate estimate of what the "reforms" now put forward as the immediate programme amount to. The outstanding fact is that they touch no vital point, and settle no real issue. Mr. O'Conor put forward an official excuse for this the other day. It is that sufficient time has not elapsed for the study of the question by the department as now constituted. On the same principle the commander of a battleship would decline to take her into action because he had not learned how the steering gear worked. The particular kind of polish the pupil teacher is to receive is of no importance when we are agreed that the pupil teacher must cease to exist. Whether the "time is ripe" for making four little schools into one big one matters nothing while what is to be taught in them remains unsettled. What amount of "examining" inspectors can safely cling to concerns us not at all when the inbred type of routine-evolved inspector is condemned out of hand. Nor does anyone care to waste a thought on whether clay is superior to cardboard or not. These are creditable examples of polishing the brass work on the quarter-deck; but meantime a sea of inefficiency is pouring into the engine-room. And if no scheme of actual reform is available, at least we should like to know how the new appointments are expected to work, what real distribution of strength there is to be, and how the deliberations of that "Advisory Board" are progressing. We should even be satisfied to know how it happens that one of the appointees immediately receives twelve months' leave of absence, whether this is a virtual retirement, and if so why was the appointment made. But these things are hidden from us. No exception can be taken to what Mr. Board suggests; but how much of the whole ground do his suggestions cover?

A correspondent yesterday indicated in very few words the grim reality which lies behind this veneer of "reform." He tells us the trafning that our teachers have is not one that is likely to produce broad-minded men of character, knowledge, and originality. Half-educated young persons are chosen regardless of their fitness for the profession. They are placed in charge of children, at whose expense they seldom fail to fall into the required groove. This means being able to ask with remarkable speed parrot-like and mechanical questions, and queries and answers alike may be heard in every school in the State. The inspector, our correspondent affirms, carries them about with him, written in a notebook. It is the anticipatory cram for these questions, of which he gives ridiculous examples, that constitutes "education." There are exceptions to this sweeping condemnation, but it remains largely true. Ordinary common sense can fasten on absurd details and expend its critical strength upon them, to the great disadvantage of children whose daily task it is to perform duties they hear spoken of with contempt. It is open to the Department of Public Instruction to change this attitude of suspicion to one of content. No one will hinder it in the work of reform.

THE DOGGERBANK OUTRAGE.

It is worth remembering, in view of the opinions expressed about the report of the International Commission of Inquiry into the bombardment of British trawlers by the Baltic fleet, that the Commissioners were appointed "to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the disaster in the North Sea, particularly as to where the responsibility for the disaster lies and the degree of blame which attaches to those upon whom that responsibility is found to rest." Now, the report of the Commissioners may reasonably be regarded as merely diplomatic, as finding for Great Britain on the facts and for Russia on the conclusions; but this very condemnation implies that it has not shirked one at least of the duties imposed upon the Commission. The responsibility for the disaster is clearly sheeted home to the Baltic fleet, especial mention being made of the two important facts: that it was the Russian cruiser Aurora which, by her peculiar tactics, provoked the fire of her consorts, and that the division of the Baltic fleet which preceded Admiral Rozhdestvensky's squadron had thrown its searchlight on the fishing fleet, and, recognising it for what it was, had passed on in peace. It might well be wished that something more definite had been said about the phantom Japanese torpedoers which perfervid Russian officers saw lurking amongst the trawlers. The Commissioners simply say that there was no such torpedo boats, and leave to the world the task of labelling their discoverers in the terms they deserve.

So far as the responsibility for the disaster goes, the Commissioners gently attribute it to Admiral Rozhdestvensky, and they are equally tender in apportioning the degree of blame. What the Commissioners have not done it concerns Russia in regard to her own honour to do. We are told who are blameworthy, and the next thing is for Russia to distribute the blame. It is not perhaps reasonable to expect that anything would be done by his Government to disbarten Admiral Rozhdestvensky on the eve of what may be a decisive contest with the Japanese fleet, and it is possible that the achievements of the Baltic fleet when engaged by Admiral Togo will more than efface the history of its shameful bombardment of defenceless trawlers. But upon the subject of compensation there should be no delay. The Czar personally months ago expressed his regret for the disaster, and has shown his sympathy in a practical way with the families of the murdered men. It is not to be doubted that Russia will liberally compensate the trawling fleet generally for the heavy loss it sustained, and that representations to this effect will at once be made to St. Petersburg. There is, however, nothing satisfactory to be derived from the Commissioners' report in regard to the most important matter of all—the right of neutrals to pursue their avocations free from the interference of belligerents. Apparently neutrals must take their chance. Just now the Baltic fleet is reported to be in the Malay Archipelago, with the Japanese hunting round for them. Either of the belligerents may, it would appear, fire on peaceful neutrals, and on discovering its mistake, move off without rendering assistance. Surely this state of things cannot commend itself to the great naval Powers which police our seas, and which are bound to protect their people. It is, of course, satisfactory that Great Britain and Russia did not go to war because a panic-stricken Admiral mistook a trawler for a torpedo boat, but nations have gone to war for far less important reasons than because the rights of neutrals have been wantonly outraged by belligerents.

A MINISTER ON ARBITRATION.

If the State Premier has been making belated discoveries at Hobart some of his colleagues have exhibited an equal intellectual activity in Sydney. Just now it is Mr. Lee. The Minister for Works told the employees of Mort's on Saturday that the way in which the Arbitration Act was administered and received had come as a rude shock to him. The common sense of the community felt that shock long since, but it will be both comforted and reassured to learn that a member of the Government has been similarly afflicted. Mr. Lee wonders how so sound a principle as that of arbitration could be so evaded. But if he is entirely sincere in that expression of astonishment he need not go far to find an explanation. The Employers' Federation, at a recent monthly meeting, gave one when the report read stated in just so many plain words that under the Act the employers "virtually had no locus standi other than being called upon to defend any claims made upon them by employees." All our experience of the working of the Act bears out that statement. We may be told that the employer has the same right of appeal to the Court under the Act as that manifestly enjoyed by the employee. By a fiction of law that is so. But in reality the case is different. "To initiate proceedings they had no power," says the report from which we quote as representing the employers' side of the question. But that document might have gone further. It might have added with perfect fairness that in cases where the employees had begun proceedings and been defeated, the Arbitration Court with all its powers was unable to prevent a strike. It can enforce heavy penalties, ruinous penalties they may be called, against employers. They, having given hostages to fortune in the form of invested brains and capital, have something to lose. But a registered union, backed by employees who are not registered, can laugh at the Arbitration Court.

This, no doubt, is what is preying on Mr. Lee's mind. He has always favoured the principle of arbitration and conciliation, but he cannot understand how it could be so evaded as he apparently admits it has been. Perhaps Mr. Wise, if he were here, could enlighten the Minister for Works on that point. He drew up the bill, and carefully instructed the unions in the nature of its provisions. We are not called upon to follow Mr. Lee in his reflections on the manner in which the Act has been administered. That is a matter for the Court; and we are bound to assume that the Court has done its duty honourably and fearlessly. If things have not worked out as they should, we prefer to believe that this is the fault of the Act and not of the Court. But between the Act and the Court that state of things has resulted which now fills the community and Mr. Lee with wonder, and administers so rude a shock to their joint sense of practical fairness. Encouraged by this result, we are about to enter on the broader experiment of Federal arbitration, and the Employers' Federation have already marked their degree of faith in that experiment by unanimously agreeing not to register under the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act. That measure, therefore, fails to command the confidence of one party to the arbitration and conciliation it seeks to enforce.

Deputations.—It is the intention of the municipal councils interested in the matter to wait upon the Minister for Works on Thursday at 11 a.m. for the purpose of urging the necessity for the construction of an electric tramway along Abercrombie-street to Erskineville. The deputation will be in a position to furnish the Minister with data as to the heavy passenger traffic that would be accommodated directly such a line was completed. Indeed, it is estimated that it would prove one of the best paying sections in the metropolitan tramway system. At 11.30 a.m. Mr. Dacey, M.L.A., will introduce a deputation which will press the necessity for increased employment being found for men on public works. On Friday, at 11 a.m. Mr. Downs, M.L.A. will head a deputation to protest against the proposed removal of the camp at the Cataract dam.

Cataract Dam.—All the water that was ever impounded would fail to cool the indignation of the Water and Sewerage Board at the attitude taken up by the Government with respect to the Cataract dam. It might be expected that the chairman, being a Government nominee, would be on its side, but a succession of dismaying events has stirred him to a whiter heat of resentment than that yet reached by his colleagues. The board held its meeting yesterday within the cool stone walls of the old Veteran Hall, which stands on the lovely slopes of Prospect, yet it was pronouncedly warm. The members were wrathful that the Government had thrust their corporate body aside, and without so much as "By your leave" had asked Mr. Stuart Murray, of Victoria, to come and decide whether the dam should be built as the board wants it or as the Government wants it. A resolution was tabled demanding that if there be an inquiry it shall be held by three competent engineers. In the discussion it was demanded that as the cost of the work was to be in the vicinity of £300,000 the Government should give the public the benefit of the doubt and spend £17,000 more to try to get, if not to assure, 3500 millions gallons more. But the president's complaint was that the Minister for Works had published a minute aspersing the advice which Mr. Keele had given Parliament, and he announced that he had written to the Premier asking for a Royal Commission of inquiry. His professional status was at stake, he declared, and he would have the Royal Commission or take another course. The motion was carried. A further report from the medical officer on the sanitation at the dam works was presented.

Railway and Tramway Appeals Board. This body sits every week at the railway offices in the Chief Secretary's buildings, and deals with appeals against punishments inflicted upon railway and tramway employees by the responsible heads of the different departments. The board has been kept very busy during the past 12 weeks. In that time 47 appeals were heard, 24 of them being against dismissal, 11 against reductions in grades or pay, and the remainder against fines for minor offences. In the majority of cases the appeals, especially in the more serious cases, were disallowed.

Local Government.—It will be remembered that owing to the frigid reception accorded by the Legislative Assembly last session to the bill introduced by Mr. Carruthers, providing for the appointment of commissioners to divide the State into local government shires, the measure was dropped. At the time the Premier announced that, as it was the intention of the Government to introduce a Local Government Bill in the following session, he would endeavour to facilitate its passage into law by having the State subdivided into shires during the recess, and the design submitted to Parliament along with the bill. Subsequently Messrs. T. A. Coghlan, Government Statistician, J. Davis, Under-Secretary for Public Works, and Mr. H. A. C. Curry, president of the Land Appeal Court, were appointed a commission, with instructions to carry out the work in question. Prior to leaving for England Mr. T. A. Coghlan forwarded to the Premier, at Hobart, a letter stating that the commission had completed its preliminary division of the State into local government areas, to be called shires. It had also prepared maps showing the boundaries of the various areas. Descriptions of these boundaries were being prepared, and as soon as they were ready, both the maps and descriptions would be published in accordance with the directions contained in the commission, for general information, as well as for the purpose of ascertaining whether there are any objections to the division.

An Election Item.—An election campaign which took place in the Hume about December, 1903, gave rise to a claim by one, Weixler, who sued Sir William Lyne at Albury for the sum of £8 10s, alleged to be due as balance of account for the hire of a horse and buggy. Defendant was apparently unavoidably absent at the hearing, but a solicitor appeared for him and called evidence. The magistrate, however, gave a verdict for the full amount. Sir William then appealed to Petty Sessions, and obtained an ex parte order for a new trial. This the plaintiff naturally objected to, and the result was that he came to the Full Court, which yesterday granted a prohibition setting aside the order for a new trial, with costs.

The Recent Colliery Dispute.—Following upon the decision of the Full Court last week, setting aside the judgment of the Arbitration Court directing the Newcastle coal trimmers to resume work, there was an application to the same tribunal yesterday to grant a prohibition to restrain further proceedings upon an order made on January 5 last by which the employees (other than miners) of certain collieries were ordered to return to work, or in default that the miners should perform their duty. Counsel for the Northern Colliery Employees' Federation said there was no appearance for respondents, and that the decision in the coal trimmers' case governed the proceedings, inasmuch as at the time of making the order the relation of employer and employee did not exist between the parties. The rule nisi was made absolute for a prohibition as asked.

City Electric Lighting.—At yesterday's meeting of the City Council electric lighting committee, a report for the week ended February 20 showed that the financial results were better than hitherto. The demand for electricity was more satisfactory, and the number of applications to date was 177. It was reported that the incandescent burners in the Queen Victoria Markets were frequently stolen, and it was decided to have them branded S.M.C., so as to increase the risk of sellers.

Evading Payment of Tram Fares.—It very frequently happens that people enter a tram, only to find, when the conductor comes round to collect the fares, that they have forgotten to provide themselves with money on leaving home. In such cases their names and addresses are taken, and if they fail to send the fare to the Tramway Office they are called upon by a tramway officer. There is evidently, however, a large number of people who systematically endeavour to evade payment of fares, on the plea that they have forgotten their purses. They give false names and addresses, with the result that the tramway officials experience considerable difficulty in tracing the delinquents. In many cases they are never traced. To show the extent to which the practice is carried out, it may be stated that last year 4000 persons were reported as having failed to pay their fares. The names and addresses given by them were handed into the Tramway Office, but only 60 per cent. of them could be found. The other 40 per cent. doubtless gave wrong names and addresses, in the hope of defrauding the department.

White Cliffs Opal Field.—Considerable discontent exists amongst the miners at White Cliffs regarding the conditions under which the opal-mining industry is carried on there. The matter was brought under the notice of the Minister for Mines yesterday by Messrs. Meehan, Griffith, Cann, and Nielsen, M.s.L.A., and their representations on the subject were supported by a petition signed by 1007 people residing on the opal field. It was gathered from the petition that the field is principally confined to 600 acres of land, all of which is held under lease. The leaseholders have found it impossible to search for opal and pay wages, hence the tribute system has been adopted. Under this the miners pay 2s 6d a week to the leaseholders for the right to search for opal. This was represented as too great a burden to bear, especially when the insecurity of tenure is considered. A tribute may be terminated on seven days' notice being given, so that just as a miner got on to a streak of opal his tribute was terminated, thus robbing him of the fruit of all his prospecting work. As the greater number of the leases will not fall in for some years to come it was urged that they should be resumed, and miners allowed to work the ground under miners' rights. In this way a miner would pay 5s a year into the State Treasury, whereas at present he paid 10s a month into the pockets of the leaseholders. The Minister for Mines remarked that personally he thought the state of things at White Cliffs was very unsatisfactory. All he could promise at the moment was that he would bring the matter under the notice of the Cabinet, with a view to seeing what could be done to meet the views of the opal miners.

Flowering Gum Trees.—"What struck me most in Perth was the gorgeous colouring and the luxuriant bloom of the native trees—a magnificent yellow flowering shrub (Nuytsia floribunda) and eucalypts of every shade, from brilliant scarlet to pale pink. I have nowhere seen anything like it. Would it not be possible to grow some of these trees in New South Wales?" The above is an extract from a letter from Mr. A. B. Weigall, head master of Sydney Grammar School, now on his way to the old country. Mr. Weigall's mention of Nuytsia will recall to the memories of older generations of gardeners the beautiful specimen which flourished some 50 years ago in the Botanic Gardens. Unfortunately it died, and it is scarcely likely that a successor will be established. The shrub, according to Mr. J. H. Maiden, the director of the Botanic Gardens, is a parasite, living on the roots of another tree. It is said that £50 was offered to a horticulturist if he would establish it in the gardens, but no attempt was made. There are some fine specimens of flowering eucalypts in the gardens, and they were blooming about a month ago. They do better in Melbourne, where there is a closer approximation to their natural climate.

Another Land Question.—Yesterday, in the case of G. A. Hack, the Full Court, at the instance of the Minister for Lands, was called upon to decide the following point:—"Are lands which have been notified as available for homestead selection thereby available also for additional conditional purchase, and conditional lease, under the provisions of the Crown Land Acts, notwithstanding that such lands are situated within the suburban or population area of a city, town, or village?" The Land Appeal Court had decided that they were, but the Full Court held that they were not so available until the notification referred to in section 4 of the Act of 1903. The appeal was therefore sustained.

Prohibition Against Justices.—Yesterday, on the application of a litigant named W. G. G. Lucas, the Full Court had something to say about "Justices' justice." It appeared that Lucas had applied to the justices of Temora sitting to deal with auctioneers' licenses for a certificate to enable him to follow the calling of an auctioneer, but after granting eight others they informed Lucas that they would consider his application. They then retired from the Bench, and returning a few minutes later informed him that his application had been refused. They declined to hear evidence in support of his case, though nothing was brought against him to prove that he was "a bad or doubtful character," as defined in the Act, and they would not even vouchsafe a reason for their decision. Lucas then brought the case before the Full Court, which yesterday made absolute a rule nisi for a mandamus, with costs, against all the justices concerned, directing them to "duly hear and determine" the application.

What are Balconies?—A special case which came before Mr. Justice Pring yesterday, in Chambers, is of considerable interest to shopkeepers and others. It appears that a resident of Kogarah named Beales was proceeded against by the local borough on a charge of encroaching upon the pathway in Railway-parade by erecting balconies in front of his shops there, and evidence was given to show that there was a balcony over the pathway, and a similar structure above. The magistrate, however, dismissed the information, being of opinion that the erection was not a building within the meaning of section 180 of the Municipalities Act, and that the case did not come within the decision in the Borough of the Glebe v. Bennett, 10 New South Wales Law Reports. On appeal, counsel for defendant pointed out that the balcony was similar to others erected in various parts of Sydney, and if it was held to be illegal the law ought to be altered. Mr. Justice Pring's answer to this was that it was entirely a matter for the Legislature, but as the law stood he was clear that there had been a breach. The magistrate was therefore held to have arrived at an erroneous decision.

Saving the Waifs.—Some of the largest works of charity have had their beginnings modestly and obscurely, and the possibilities before what is called the Children's Home and School for Domestic Servants may not be lightly estimated. It is a charity housed at Balmain, and has been plodding along steadily for 11 years, doing good for children in a measure which may not be arbitrarily fixed. The late Mrs. Scott, of Lisgar, Glenmore-road, was its founder. She began by taking little children into her own home and under her personal care, so that their widowed mothers or wifeless fathers might for a nominal payment be left free to better earn a living. When Mrs. Scott died she bequeathed her house, with an endowment, to the work, and it was taken up by some ladies of the Anglican Church. A larger home was bought in Balmain, and later a cottage for boys was added. A surgeon gives gratuitous services, and some public subscriptions flow in. A country lady who saw the home was so impressed that she gave £100 for a new schoolroom, conditionally on one child being admitted without payment. The children are taught on the State school system, and the girls are trained for domestic service. Each year the whole household moves to the seaside for a holiday, and to make their last outing a memorable one, the pupils at a girls' school in North Sydney raised £42 for them. In its present stage of growth and financial limitations this little charity brings up 73 boys and girls to be good, healthy, capable citizens.

Milk Prosecutions.—An appeal was made yesterday to the Full Court on behalf of Edward Rigby, a dairyman, carrying on business at Waverley, against his recent conviction on a charge of selling milk which was not of the nature, substance, and quality of the food demanded by the purchaser. The main ground for asking the Court to review the decision was the technical one "that there was no proof that the certificate of the analyst was in the form prescribed by the Act or the regulations thereunder," but in the course of argument counsel also contended that the mere handing in of the certificate was not sufficient, and that Mr. Hamlet ought to have attended for cross-examination. Another point incidentally raised was that the Government Analyst was not justified in certifying that the water was added. The rule nisi was granted on the first ground stated, and was made returnable in a week.

The Mails.—The mails by the R.M.S. Marmora, bearing the date of London, January 27, will reach Sydney in time for delivery at about 1.30 p.m. to-day. The mails which left Sydney by the R.M.S. India on January 24 arrived in London on Friday last, one day in advance of contract date.

Qualified and Unqualified Midwives.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Hospital, held yesterday, Sir Jas. Graham, whilst agreeing with the opinion that women doctors should enjoy the same privileges as the men, made some forcible remarks upon the training of midwives. He said he remembered the finding of a Royal Commission that the deaths of women in childbirth in this State were unduly numerous, and that some of the women who practised as midwives were "uneducated, untrained, and unsuitable." The public could quite understand the supreme importance of the necessity for supervision being exercised in the training of these midwives. In Great Britain, the House of Commons had given the matter its consideration, and recently throughout Great Britain and Ireland boards have been established for the inspection and licensing of midwives, and an inspector had also been appointed who is authorised to report on the general efficiency and surroundings of the midwifery nurse and her methods. In regard to the woman doctor, the public have this protection, that she had a thorough scientific university education, and Sir James Graham said what was wanted was a similar guarantee in regard to midwives.

Mr. W. E. Hoare, referring to the fares on the Watson's Bay line, questions the reasons given for not reducing them, viz., the cost of working. He cannot see that the cost is any greater than that of other lines where lower fares are charged, and thinks that the principle of non-differential rates should apply to the tramway as to the Water and Sewerage Department.

The Kent Brewery draymen held their second annual picnic at Sir Joseph Banks's Grounds, Botany, on Saturday afternoon. Five drags conveyed the men, their wives, families, to the picnic resort, where an enjoyable day was spent. At the banquet a number of toasts were honoured. A cricket match and a number of races were decided.

A Paddington resident calls attention to the condition of some of the streets of that borough, notably Hopetoun-street, Union-street, Broughton-street, and Suffolk-street. The houses in the neighbourhood are of a good class, and he thinks better streets should be made.

We are asked to state that Alderman W. R. Ainsworth (the Mayor of Leichhardt) was among those present at the Leichhardt Rowing Club's regatta on Saturday.

At 7.45 last evening the Parramatta Fire Brigade received a call to the corner of Pitt and Hunter streets. The outbreak was in a seven-roomed weatherboard cottage, occupied by Mr. S. Wilson. The fire is believed to have been caused by a lighted candle coming into contact with some kerosene. Four rooms, together with their contents, were damaged by fire and water.

The amount of stamp duty paid in respect of the wills of deceased persons during the week ended 25th inst was £739 2s 5d.

BUSH FIRES' RELIEF.

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MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

WAGGA, Monday.

Colonel Seymour Wells, commanding New South Wales Regiment of the Australian Field Artillery, made the annual inspection of the Wagga half battery on Saturday. Captain C. F. Warren commanded the battery, having with him Lieutenant H. G. Heath and Captain Stoker, Army Medical Department. The battery turned out in almost full strength, proceeding to William's Hill, where positions were taken up, and manoeuvres and firing carried out, under active service conditions. Colonel Wells expressed great satisfaction with the condition of the half battery, and its operations.

TO-DAY.

Methodist Conference: Centenary Hall, 10 a.m.

THE WAR.

ENVELOPING THE RUSSIANS.

DISASTER THREATENS KUROPATKIN.

JAPANESE IN HIS REAR.

THREE DAYS' HEAVY FIGHTING.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

A private telegram from Mukden states that the Japanese have begun a huge enveloping movement, which is likely to be disastrous to General Kuropatkin's plans.

The manager of the Russian Bank at Mukden has been ordered to prepare to close.

JAPANESE DARING MARCH.

NORTH-WEST OF MUKDEN.

According to the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," 40,000 Japanese, marching through the mountains, have reached Fakumen, 60 miles north-west of Mukden. Many of the Japanese were dressed in Chinese overcoats, and were thus mistaken for Chunchuses.

DESPERATE BATTLE.

ALONG THE WHOLE FRONT.

MANY RUSSIANS KILLED.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Lieutenant-General Sakharoff, the Russian Chief of Staff in Manchuria, reports that the Japanese during the fighting on Thursday captured Beresneff Hill with the bayonet, advancing over the bodies of their own dead, and exploding the surface mines and barbed-wire entanglements.

The Japanese losses were considerable. The Russian losses have not yet been ascertained.

An attack by the Japanese upon the Tsuyling (Pass) was, Lieutenant-General Sakharoff adds, repulsed.

Feb. 27.

General Kuropatkin, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies in Manchuria, reports that the Japanese occupied Tsinchan-shan, on the Russian east flank, on Saturday. The percentage of Russian killed was very large. Twelve wounded Russian officers and 300 men are in the Sen-lun-yu hospital.

The Russians burned Chien-sun-mu-pao-tzu, and then abandoned the village.

Fighting continued on Sunday in front and west of the Tie-ling (pass), a few miles south-west of Tsin-chan-shan. On the extreme east the Japanese have taken the outlying Russian positions, and threaten the main defences. Hundreds of Russian wounded are reaching Mukden. On Sunday a heavy snowstorm prevailed, and a bitterly cold wind was blowing. The country in which the fighting is taking place favours the Russians. It is mountainous, and slightly wooded. The fierceness with which the attack was made makes the Russians think that General Nogi and his men were engaged.

The correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" at Shi-ying-tung reports that the battle raged on Friday from Ai-de-pu, 16 miles south-east of Mukden, along the whole front of the opposing forces.

GERMAN COLLIER CAPTURED.

The Japanese have captured the German collier Romulus, 2630 tons, bound for Vladivostock.

AUXILIARIES FOR THE BALTIC FLEET.

GERMAN LINERS CHARTERED.

Russia has chartered ten more Hamburg American liners as colliers for the Baltic fleet, and has purchased two steamers from the same company, converting them into auxiliary cruisers.

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

The details concerning the fighting in Manchuria, though still very meagre, are sufficient to indicate that there has been an important and entirely successful movement on the part of the Japanese. The capture of the strongly-fortified position on Beresneff Hill was accomplished in the same dashing and irresistible style that characterised the assaults upon the Port Arthur defences. The victors of Port Arthur, which was confidently believed by the Russians to be absolutely impregnable, have earned a reputation among their opponents which is decidedly complimentary to them, and no doubt is thoroughly deserved, but the battles fought in Korea and Manchuria while the siege of the southern fortress was in progress showed very clearly that the superb bravery and dashing tactics displayed by the troops under General Nogi were simply characteristic of the whole Japanese army. Still the fact that the fierceness of the attack upon Beresneff Hill caused the Russians to conclude that Nogi's men were engaged in the assault proves that, in the minds of the Russians, a special terror attaches to the heroes of Port Arthur. There are reports that the present operations are part of a big enveloping movement by the Japanese with the object of outflanking the enemy, and it may be that this advance represents the serious opening of the spring campaign, which is expected to furnish a battle unparalleled in modern warfare. If, as reported, 40,000 Japanese, disguised as Chunchuses, have reached Fakumeun, which is about 60 miles north-west of Mukden, and on the boundary line between Mongolia and Manchuria, they will threaten Kuropatkin in the rear. It was generally believed that there would be no very important fighting before the middle or end of March, and that the severity of the winter has not yet disappeared is shown by the fact that heavy snowstorms and bitterly cold winds still prevail. Possibly Field-Marshal Oyama has been moved to action earlier than he intended by a knowledge of the internal conditions of Russia, which, coupled with the partial failure of the Trans-Siberian railway, must prove decidedly advantageous to the Japanese.

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Particulars are now to hand of the Russian advance movement against the Japanese left, which resulted in the failure of General Gripenberg to accomplish the task set him, it is believed, with the object of allaying the discontent in the Russian cities. The fighting extended over five days. The engagement, which will be known as the battle of the Hun River, was fought on a plain, broken only by the southern amethyst mountains around Yentai, the solitary eminence on which is the Liao-yang tower, of bloody memory. For five days (writes a correspondent with the Russian army) the Russian soldiers unavailingly hurled themselves against the defences, and field artillery pounded them until the frosty air reverberated with the thunder of cannon, the din of bursting shells, and the rattle of musketry. The gunners actually wept with despair at their impotence. Mortar batteries came up at a gallop in the hope of demolishing the fortifications. Night and day the stream of shells was poured against the earthworks, but without effect. The men seemed indifferent to hunger or cold, which latter was of Arctic intensity. Their fingers hands, and feet were benumbed, while stinging snow and dust blinded them. The slightest wound caused excruciating pain. Warm blood no sooner exuded from lacerated flesh than it began to freeze. The wounded could not be left exposed, and if they did not receive attention within an hour they died. The surgeons, their assistants, and nurses were almost powerless in the bandaging of wounds, for they were obliged to wear leather gloves or mittens in order to resist the cold. The men seemed to be experiencing all the horrors of the winter campaign of 1872 against the Turks: Everything that could be done was done, but man was powerless in the face of Nature, which heaped terrors upon the troops, and defeated the well-thought-out plan of the commander.

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On February 2 some figures were published in this column relating to the astonishingly low rate of mortality in General Oku's army—a rate, so far as disease is concerned, unequalled in the history of warfare. American newspapers just to hand give the details more fully. These figures show that between May and December 24,642 cases of disease were treated. Of these only 40 resulted fatally, 18,578 patients recovered, 5609 were sent to Japan, and the remainder were undergoing treatment when the figures were compiled. There were only 183 cases of typhoid, and 342 of dysentery, while of beriberi there were 5070. The other cases of disease were not serious. The casualties in General Oku's army from May 6 to December 20 were:—Killed—officers 210, men 4917; wounded—officers 743, men 20,337; missing—officers 4, men 402. Sixteen per cent. of the wounded died, 19 per cent. recovered in the field, and 65 per cent. were sent to Japan. Eighty-five per cent. of the wounds were inflicted by rifle shots, 8 per cent. by artillery, and 7 per cent. by cold steel. The largest percentage of recoveries was in the cases of chest wounds. Most of the recoveries were due to the small calibre of the rifle bullets.

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Our cablegrams a few weeks ago gave a resume of the Order of the Day issued by the Czar to the army and navy after the fall of Port Arthur. We are now able to give in full the terms of the Order, which is a dignified acknowledgment of failure and a clear expression of the Imperial intention to continue the contest by land and sea:—"Port Arthur has fallen into the hands of the enemy. The struggle for its defence lasted 11 months, and for over seven months the glorious garrison was cut off from the outside world. Deprived of help and without murmuring the garrison endured the privations of the siege and moral tortures, while the enemy continued to gain successes. Unsparing of life and blood, a handful of Russians sustained the enemy's furious onslaughts in the firm hope of relief. With pride Russia witnesses their deeds of heroism, and the whole world bowed before their heroic spirit. The resources gave out while the onset of fresh hostile forces was constant, and the garrison, its deed of heroism accomplished, had to yield to superior numbers. Peace to the ashes of the dead and eternal memory to the never-to-be-forgotten Russians who perished in the defence of Port Arthur! Far away from Russia you died for Russia's cause, filled with love for the Emperor and the Fatherland. Glory be to you the living! May God heal your wounds and give you the strength and the patience to bear your sore trials! Our enemy is bold and strong, and the struggle with him at a distance of 10,000 versts from the sources of our strength is indescribably hard. But Russia is powerful. In the thousand years of her life there have been still harder trials, still more threatening dangers. Every time she emerged stronger and with fresh power from the struggle. Our failures have been severe. While we lament our losses we will not allow ourselves to be led into distraction. With all Russia I trust that the hour of victory will soon dawn, and pray to God that He may bless my dear troops and fleets in order that, united, they may overthrow the enemy and uphold the honour and glory of Russia."

THE FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

Our London correspondent writes under date January 20:—"The fall of Port Arthur, and the supposed coolness of the Czar towards General Stoessel on the subject have formed a topic of general conversation this week among people who are supposed to know something of military matters. Reuter's correspondent especially appears to insist on the fact that there was no dearth of provisions, no such complete interior ruin, and even no such shortage of ammunition as must have made it absolutely necessary to surrender the fortress. Similar accounts come from other quarters along with the statement that General Stoessel's subordinate officers and even some of his men resented the surrender. This sort of thing has often been heard before, as every reader of history will know. However, I need not discuss the general situation, but simply report what I find to be the feeling here. In well-informed quarters, Russian included, it is recognised that a General in circumstances of this kind has to be a statesman as well as a commander, and if General Stoessel found the defence to have become absolutely hopeless, and relief impracticable, as everyone now seems agreed that it must have been, it was quite his duty to decide whether it was worth while wasting life to no available end, in spite of what the more impulsive of his subordinates might have thought. It is suggested by the few hostile critics whom I have heard among his own compatriots that he may have injured the Russian cause by setting the besieging army free to give assistance elsewhere. This is an argument which would have had more meaning at the close of the winter season than it has now. Of course, we are all here talking at present on imperfect information, but I can find no echo of the criticisms on General Stoessel's action among Russians now. On the other hand, there are many people who think that the German Emperor has been premature and over-fussy in the decorations which he has seen fit to confer on the two opposing Generals.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE NEW MINISTRY.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The Premier will resign on Wednesday. The new Ministry will be constituted as follows:—

Premier, Treasurer, and Commissioner for Crown Lands, Mr. Butler.
Chief Secretary, Mr. Vardon.
Commissioner for Public Works, Mr. Foster.
Attorney-General, Mr. J. R. Anderson.

Mr. F. W. Young informed Mr. Butler, the prospective Premier, that he could not accept the position of Attorney-General, rendered vacant by the elevation of Mr. Homburg to the Bench. It is understood that Mr. Young objects to any sacrifice of political principles for the sake of office.

A DARING ROBBERY.

MASKED MAN'S CRIME.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

A daring robbery was committed to-night at the consulting rooms of James Lamsey, Chinese herbalist, Bendigo. Lamsey was writing at his desk when a man, aged about 35, with his face blackened with burnt cork, suddenly entered the room and snatched at Lamsey's gold chain, tearing it from his vest, and made good his escape. The chain, with locket attached, was valued at £25. Had not a link of the chain snapped Lamsey would also have lost a valuable gold watch.

LOSS OF A LUGGER.

FIVE MEN DROWNED.

PERTH (W.A.), Monday.

The Deputy Postmaster-General has received the following wire from the police magistrate at Onslow:—"Alex. Stevens, pearler, has just arrived at Onslow, and reports the total loss of his fishing lugger, Ellen, which occurred off Ellen Island during a cyclone on February 8. Five of the coloured crew were drowned, but the sixth came ashore on one of the hatches of the vessel."

RUSSIA.

THE CZAR RELENTS.

A CONSTITUTION CONCEDED.

SULLENNESS AT ST. PETERSBURG.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Reuter's correspondent at St. Petersburg telegraphs that the report of M. Yermoloff, the Minister for Agriculture, on the internal situation of Russia was submitted to the Czar on Saturday. The report dwelt upon the dangers of procrastination and the absolute necessity of immediate and drastic concessions being made to avert a revolution.

M. Yermoloff declared that nothing would satisfy distracted Russia except a constitution on Western lines.

The Czar, on reading the report, was convinced by its arguments, and authorised the summoning of a representative Assembly, to prepare a constitution conceding a large measure of autonomy.

PANIC AT BAKU.

"FORGIVE YOUR ENEMIES."

Baku is in a state of panic owing to the riots. Numbers of people are leaving. Owing to the large drafts which have been made for the war there are insufficient troops to maintain order in the Caucasus.

By the Government's wish the Catholicos of the Armenian Church, in his sacerdotal robes, harangued the Armenians in the streets of Baku, and begged them not to attack the Tartars who a few days previously had slaughtered their relatives.

WARSAW STRIKES.

AUTHORITIES FEAR POLICE.

IRONWORKERS RESUME OPERATIONS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

The directors of the Warsaw-Vienna railway offer the strikers an increase of pay, which for the year 1905 will total £65,000. The directors also offer to reduce the hours of labour to 10 a day, and to make other concessions. Work is being resumed by the men who went out on strike.

Spotted typhus fever has broken out at Warsaw.

The soldiers at the gasworks at Warsaw being unable to produce sufficient gas to light the city, it is threatened with darkness.

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The Warsaw police demand 25 roubles (50s) per month instead of 12 roubles (24s), the present pay. Fearing a strike, the authorities ordered a soldier to accompany each policeman.

Fifteen thousand ironworkers in the city will resume work, they having been granted shorter hours and higher pay.

ANXIETY IN THE CAPITAL.

DEMANDS OF OFFICIALS.

The sullen and determined attitude of 50,000 strikers at St. Petersburg occasions anxiety. The managers of factories have sent their families away.

All railway employees in Russia, except those on the Central Asian railway, have been placed under martial law.

A strike, originating in a stop-the-war demand, has occurred in the Chita workshops of the Siberian railway.

At Moscow the postal and telegraph officials and the police demand increased wages.

REDISTRIBUTION OF LAND.

THE PEASANTS' HOPE.

Peasants of Central Russia are sending numerous deputations to St. Petersburg to ascertain if the Czar has issued a ukase ordering a redistribution of land.

SERGIUS'S ASSASSIN.

EXAMINATION OF SUSPECTS.

Sixty prisoners, arrested in connection with the assassination of the Grand Duke Sergius, have been examined, without any discovery being made of the existence of a conspiracy.

QUEENSLAND MYSTERY.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

SUPPOSED MURDER OF W. G. BENTON.

SEARCH FOR BURNT REMAINS.

BRISBANE, Monday.

James Ryan was again before the Crow's Nest Police Court on Saturday, charged with the wilful murder of Walter George Benton.

Detective Henderson said that on the 15th instant he saw the defendant at Benton's selection about noon. "I was sitting down," said the witness, when Sergeant Portley came over to me, and spoke to me. After Portley left, defendant came over to me and said, 'Have they found any remains down there?' I made no reply. Defendant said 'I was wrong in asking. I knew you could not tell me.' Witness walked down with Ryan and Sub-Inspector Geraghty to a spot in a gully about 250 yards from defendant's house. Here he saw Sub-Inspector Geraghty and a number of police. Sub-Inspector Geraghty said to defendant, 'Who made this fire?' 'I did, Mr Geraghty,' said he, 'What have you been burning here?' Defendant replied 'brushwood.' Mr. Geraghty asked, 'What sort of wood?' Defendant pointed to a heap of brushwood that lay near, and said, 'That sort of wood.' Mr. Geraghty asked, 'Did you burn anything else here?' Defendant replied, 'Oh, yes, I burned a dog here.' Mr. Geraghty said, 'Whose dog was it?' Defendant replied, 'I don't know. I caught him in a trap; he killed one of my pigs.' Mr. Geraghty said, 'Where did you get the trap?' Defendant replied, 'From Mr. Campbell.'" Witness, continuing, said, "I noticed that the surface of the ground was cleaned up. I heard Mr. Geraghty say, 'How do you account for the remains of the fire being all swept up?' The defendant replied, 'I put up some potatoes and took them down and threw them in the ashes to keep them ready for setting. I then shovelled up the potatoes, ashes, and charcoal, and put them in a bag. I took them to a pigsty, where I hung them up, but a pig got at them and ate the potatoes. I chucked the ashes and charcoal into the pigsty.' Constable Kingston and witness then walked towards the defendant's house, where they saw a sack lying inside a piggery. Defendant hung the bag up so that the lower portion of the bag would be three feet from the ground. Defendant said, 'That is where I hung up the bag; the pigs got at it; the ashes and charcoal fell down here, and I shovelled the lot into the pigsty.' The pigsty was covered with ashes. I took a sample of these ashes and discovered two bones. Defendant said to me, 'Could you advise me what to do? This looks very black against me.' I said to him, "Ryan, you stated you gave this man Benton £125; you won't tell the police from whom you got the money. If there is any proof that Benton got that money there would be some reason to believe he had gone away to England.' Defendant said, 'The man from whom I got the money told me not to tell anyone about it.'" Witness continued: "The defendant told me he had found Benton's mare and foal in his paddock. Benton's saddle and bridle were lying up against a tree in a paddock. He said he found them on Sunday, the 5th instant, after Benton had been to his place."

The Court adjourned till March 1.

DOGGERBANK OUTRAGE.

HOW THE REPORT IS VIEWED.

A BRITISH VICTORY.

WHITEWASHING OF RUSSIA.

NO PUNISHMENT LIKELY.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The International Commissioners who inquired into the bombardment of British trawlers on the Doggerbank by the Baltic fleet on the morning of October 22 last year, state in their report that they are of opinion that Admiral Rozhdestvensky's precautionary orders were not excessive in view of the impossibility of checking the correctness of the warning by the Russian Government. Nor, the Commissioners add, considering the uncertainty as to the danger, was it improper for the Baltic fleet to proceed after the firing had ceased, though it was regrettable that the Admiral commanding did not communicate with the authorities at Dover.

The Commissioners noted that the division of the Baltic fleet commanded by Admiral Foelkersahm, preceding the division commanded by Admiral Rozhdestvensky in person, used its searchlights on the morning of October 22, and having recognised the inoffensiveness of the trawlers did not fire.

BRITISH PRESS VIEWS.

VICTORY FOR ENGLAND.

WHITEWASHING OF RUSSIA.

The London press considers that the report of the International Commission is substantially a British victory.

The "Times," while expressing satisfaction that Great Britain is victorious on the principal issues, presumes that despite the perplexing remarks of the Commission the Russian Government will severely censure or otherwise punish Admiral Rozhdestvensky.

The "Standard" says that Russia has been treated with marked tenderness, and it is not likely that anyone will be punished. The award is diplomatically designed to end the business quietly with the minimum of unpleasantness.

The "Daily Express" characterises the report as an equilibristic performance. It is a political not a judicial report.

The "Morning Post" affirms that no one will desire to further accentuate the censure on Admiral Rozhdestvensky.

The "Daily Telegraph" considers that the palliations of the Russian conduct strengthen, and do not diminish the significance of the finding.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that while England is victorious on the facts Russia is victorious on the conclusions.

The "Daily News" asserts that compensation must follow the report, which is a precedent certain to influence the world's history.

The "Daily Mail" says that the tone of the report has the full effect of condemnation of Russia.

THE FOREIGN PRESS.

AMERICANS SARCASTIC.

DISAPPOINTMENT OF RUSSIANS.

The American press is sarcastic at the determination of the Commissioners to whitewash Russia. Rear-Admiral Davis, the United States Commissioner, considers that the report practically sustains all the English case.

The "Temps" (Paris) says that the report is wholly opportunist, and is perhaps a trifle fictitious.

The "Republique Francaise" states that on the report England practically wins.

In Russia the press amplifies the compliments paid by the Commissioners to Russia and minimises the censures. The Russian public is disappointed at the report.

The press of Japan ridicules the finding as a conclusion without a premiss. It is calculated, that press considers, to discredit international courts.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE SEDDON-TAYLOR TRIAL.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

Mr. Seddon, the Premier, has severely censured Colonel Porter for his action in making a statement regarding the incident in the Boer war which led up to the Seddon-Taylor libel case, seeing that the matter has been settled between the parties. A movement has been initiated in Wellington to make a presentation to Captain Seddon.

ENGLISH BOWLERS' VISIT.

Mr. Fortescue, the hon. treasurer of the English Bowling Association, interviewed at Dunedin prior to his departure for Melbourne, said he would do his utmost to persuade Dr. Grace to bring a bowling team to tour the colonies.

HEMP IN CANADIAN PRISONS.

Writing to Mr. Seddon, the Warden of the Industrial Department of the Central Prison at Ontario states that accepting Government inspection as greater security for quality, the department had considerably increased its puchases of New Zealand produce, but the average hemp arriving from the colony was now much poorer than heretofore, and if these conditions continued the department would be compelled to cease using New Zealand hemp.

THE KINCLUNE A TOTAL WRECK.

AUCKLAND, Monday.

The barque Kinclune, which went ashore near Kaipara Heads some months ago, is now a total wreck. While being towed off the line snapped, and she drifted ashore and broke her back.

[The Kinclune left Sydney on November 9, and generally fine weather was experienced until the New Zealand coast was sighted, on the morning of the 16th. The vessel was then about 12 miles south of Kaipara Heads. The wind was blowing from the south-west, and it was pitch dark. A sailor was sent aloft to locate the shore lights, but was unable to do so. About 4 a.m. a hard westerly gale was raging, and, knowing his proximity to land, Captain Patterson became very anxious because no lights had been picked up. About three miles off the shore breakers were observed ahead. The order was given to haul the ship up, but it was too late, for the next moment she scraped heavily on the bottom. Seas broke over the decks, and for the safety of the crew the captain headed the boat bo on to the beach, and she ran up high and dry. All the crew took to the lifeboat, and got safely ashore. In lassisting to launch the boat Captain Patterson was washed overboard. Ropes were thrown to him, and he was hauled on board the barque with difficulty, being subsequently transferred to the lifeboat. The captain was bruised about the thighs and practically helpless. The remaining crew were attended to at the residence of Mr. Evans. A few weeks ago a contract was let to Mr. Geo. T. Nicol, of Auckland, to refloat the stranded barque.]

THE PLAGUE.

ANOTHER DEATH IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Monday.

One of the patients at the Colmslie plague hospital died to-day. The patient was a girl who had been admitted from Logan-road, and who had been in a critical state for some days.

SPECIAL CABLES.

(FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.)

THE PRINCE OF WALES.

VISIT TO INDIA.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

It is officially announced that the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit India in November and remain till March.

ROYAL BETROTHAL.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Princess Margaret of Connaught has been betrothed to Prince Gustavus Adolphus, eldest son of the Crown Prince of Sweden and Norway.

Princess Margaret of Connaught, elder daughter of the Duke of Connaught, and niece of the King, is 23 years of age. Prince Gustavus Adolphus, Duke of Scania, is 10 months her junior.

GREAT FIRE AT HOT SPRINGS.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

A great fire has occurred at Hot Springs, Arkansas, U.S.A.

Eighteen blocks of buildings, including three churches, were burnt.

A number of persons were killed, and 2000 rendered homeless.

The damage is estimated at 1,500,000dol. (£300,000).

ATROCITY IN MACEDONIA.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

Details of the atrocities at Kuklitch, Macedonia, state that the Bulgarian band killed four soldiers and disappeared.

The Turks afterwards sacked the village, burned the church and 43 houses, and killed 36 unarmed villagers, outraging their homes.

A cablegram received a week ago stated:—A tale of Turkish atrocity is reported by a commission of international officers in Macedonia. A body of Turks, after dispersing a Bulgarian band, 20 of whom were killed and wounded, set fire to the village of Kuklitch, near Strumnitza. The commission of inquiry afterwards found the charred remains of 14 women and several children in the burned village.

OBITUARY.

THE EARL OF MORLEY.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

The death is announced of the Earl of Morley, Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords from 1889 to 1904, aged 61 years.

[Albert Edmund Parker, third Earl of Morley, after a distinguished university career at Oxford, was a Lord in Waiting to Queen Victoria from 1868 to 1874. In Mr. Gladstone's Government formed in 1880 he accepted the office of Under-Secretary for War, and on the formation of the new Cabinet, in February, 1886, he became First Commissioner for Works, but in April of that year he resigned through disagreement with Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill. In 1889 the Earl of Morley was elected Chairman of Committees and Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords, and held that office till the close of the session of 1904. This year he did not seek re-election. He is succeeded by his son, Viscount Boringdon, who in 1903 visited Australia, and who was one of the passengers of the ill-fated Ovalau, burned in the latter part of 1903 off Lord Howe Island.]

SIR MARTIN GOSSELIN.

Sir Martin Le Marchant Gosselin, G.C.M.G., the British Minister as Lisbon, died on Saturday, aged 57 years.

[Sir Martin le Marchant Gosselin, previously to being appointed to the Ministry at Lisbon, was Assistant Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office. He had also been engaged in diplomatic service at Brussels, Madrid, Berlin, and Paris.]

SIR WEMYSS REID.

The death is announced of Sir Wemyss Reid, journalist, at the age of 62 years.

[Sir Wemyss Reid was best known for his work as editor of the "Leeds Mercury," a post which he filled from 1870 to 1887, and for his notes of the month, which were continued in the "Nineteenth Century and After" up to the last issue. Born in 1842, he was only 19 years of age when he entered upon journalistic work, and three years later he was appointed editor of the "Preston Guardian," resigning to take a similar position on the "Leeds Mercury." He was an author of some note, both biographer and novelist. "Manulvers: a Millions," a sensational story, had a large sale, and his "Life of the Right Hon. W. E. Forster," a work tracing the personal history of the author of the Education Act, now superseded, went through many editions. In 1887 Sir Wemyss Reid found larger scope for his energies as manager to Cassell and Co., and for nine years of the time he held this position he was also editor of "The Speaker." He was knighted in 1894 in consideration of his services to letters and to politics.]

BILLIARDS.

STEVENSON v DAWSON.

LONDON, Feb. 26.

In the match concluded last week between H. W. Stevenson and Charles Dawson at Leicester-square, the former won, scoring 18,000 points to his opponent's 16,310.

Stevenson and Dawson are playing a series of matches for £100 aside. On February 16 Stevenson made a break of 802, which is recognised as a record under the Billiard Association rules. In January John Roberts made a break of 821, but as the table had not previously been measured, the record was not accepted by the association.

VICTORIA.

CARELESS USE OF FIRE.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

At the Landsborough Police Court Elizabeth Burwood was charged with the careless use of fire at Barkly on or about December 31, 1904. The Bench sentenced the accused, who did not put in an appearance, to six months' imprisonment.

THE BARQUE CARRADALE.

The barque Carradale, which arrived on Saturday from New York, passed through two unusually severe storms which, in addition to stripping the vessel of a large spread of canvas, injured several of the crew, and damaged the deck fitting. Both gales were encountered within a week of the departure of the vessel from New York on November 12, and the barque behaved exceedingly well.

THE HIGH COURT.

SITTING IN TASMANIA.

HOBART, Monday.

The High Court sat to-day, the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, and Justices Barton and O'Connor being on the Bench.

BAUME v THE CROWN.

This was an application for leave to appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice Simpson, of Sydney, which dealt with a claim against the Federal Government for £20,000 damages, arising out of a Commonwealth officer refusing to pass certain Customs entries for imported goods. The Court ruled that the application for leave to appeal was unnecessary, as the case could be dealt with by the Full Court.

MOLLOY v BROWNE.

This was an application to appeal against the decision of the Full Court of Western Australia, discharging a rule nisi calling upon the Mayor of Perth to show cause why he should not be ousted from office on account of alleged irregularities in the carrying out of the municipal election. The Chief Justice said that, following the precedent of the Privy Council, the Court saw no reason to grant appellant the right of special appeal, and dismissed the application.

HOBART CONFERENCE.

FURTHER REMARKS BY MR. REID.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Prime Minister to-day, in the course of a chat on public matters generally, said:—"I wish to express my acknowledgments of the very fair way in which the Australian press generally has dealt with the proceedings of the Hobart Conference. When the official report comes out—I hope it will be issued by the middle of the week—people will be better able to understand the amount of work which was performed, and the great advance which was made, even though there was not a final agreement with reference to some of the more important subjects. But the important point, to my mind, in the conference was the fact that the unpleasant relations which existed somehow or other—I do not know who was to blame—between the Federal and State Governments have been exchanged for cordiality and good feeling. I think every member of the conference strongly coincides with the view I take in this respect. I want to say how much I appreciate the singlemindedness and earnestness of purpose which marked the whole of the members of the conference. My colleagues most strongly and favourably impressed the State Premiers and Ministers, and I think I can say on their behalf, as well as on my own, that the feeling is reciprocal.

"Mr. M'Lean, Mr. Dugald Thomson, and myself wish to warmly express our appreciation of the heroic way in which Sir George Turner, despite his great suffering, carried out the chief work of the conference, and the way in which he discharged his grave responsibilities under these painful circumstances has elicited the highest sympathy and admiration."

COMMENT BY MR. WATSON.

BRADDON CLAUSE PROPOSALS CONDEMNED.

WHAT ABOUT OLD AGE PENSIONS?

Mr. J. C. Watson, leader of the Federal Opposition, was out of town when the Hobart conference of Premiers concluded its labours. He was at the Commonwealth offices yesterday, but said he would prefer to wait for the official report of the conference before making any detailed observations upon what had been done.

"But I think," remarked Mr. Watson, "that some of the matters discussed should never have been submitted to the Premiers. The Prime Minister, in drawing up his business sheet, evidently forgot that the Federal Parliament is the proper place to discuss and decide upon those matters mentioned exclusively within its jurisdiction by the Constitution. I don't say the conference was unnecessary, or that some good work was not accomplished. I merely contend that it should have confined itself to those matters upon which agreement between Federal and State Governments was essential for the satisfactory working of the political machinery."

"I object absolutely," continued the Labour leader, "to the proposal to extend the operations of the Braddon clause to a term totalling 20 years. When we adopted the section of the Constitution some years ago this was one of the worst features from my point of view, and an experience of four years practical working of the Constitution has in no way altered my opinion. It is altogether undemocratic to hobble the people for many years ahead as to their financial arrangements; and I cannot conceive how those who a few years ago looked upon the clause as an evil only to be tolerated on the ground that without it no Constitution would be adopted now ask the people to agree to it for an additional 20 years.

"I believe in such constitutional machinery as will speedily respond to the will of the people, and if the Federal electors desire, relying upon the Customs for revenue, to raise only sufficient to pay the expenses of the Federal Government, they should have that opportunity. Under the Constitution as at present they cannot do this before 1911, which in itself is bad enough, but the Federal Government proposes that their hands should continue to be tied financially until 1931, or practically for another generation.

"One feature requiring the people's attention is the bearing of this latest proposal on old age pensions. The Prime Minister and his colleagues have said that no Federal scheme of old age pensions is possible until the Braddon clause ceases to operate, because to obtain the £1,000,000 required would involve raising £4,000,000 through the Customs. The position then is that the Federal Government is extending the clause is prepared to put off old age pensions for another 35 years.

"This will be comforting news to those in the sere and yellow stage of life. One can easily imagine the demonstrations of joy with which they will welcome the latest efforts of Mr. Reid's Government on their behalf."

THE NAVIGATION COMMISSION.

EVIDENCE AT NEWCASTLE.

ALLEGED DISHONESTY BY SHIPMASTERS.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The Navigation Commission resumed taking evidence here to-day on the Navigation Bill.

R. B. Hogue, manager for Messrs. J. and A. Brown at Newcastle, gave evidence with respect to the manning schedule, and incidentally on other matters affecting the coastal trade. With regard to the boats Messrs. Brown had in commission, he instanced the tug Champion, which under the schedule would be required to be manned by one captain, two mates, three engineers, four firemen, one greaser, two A.Bs., one boy, and, although the bill did not say so, a cook. At present the Champion carried a captain, one mate, two engineers, three firemen, one deckhand, a boy, and cook. In the case of the collier Duckenfield, trading between Newcastle and Sydney, she would be required to carry 8 extra hands under the schedule. They were about to put into commission a sailing vessel of from 600 to 1000 tons as a collier between Newcastle and Sydney. The vessel would be under tow, but would have to carry a very large crew, whereas a nominal crew of five or six hands, exclusive of the officers and cook, would be sufficient, if the bill was carried into effect in its present form it would seriously affect the whole of the coasting trade. There would not be a boat on the coast which would not be grossly overmanned. A fireman could easily work three tons of coal per day. For instance, in the colliery a man filled 14 skips of coal, each weighing 12 to 14 cwt., in eight hours, and that quantity was laid down on the mens themselves as a fair thing to handle.

Captain D. J. Williams, local manager for the Union S.S. Company, said he appeared in his own behalf. He did not think crimping would ever be stopped until seamen were paid off at every port of destination. What right had owners in England to keep a man's wages back for three years? At present a sailor on arriving in Newcastle was given 2s 6d by the captain and expected to go ashore and get some genuine amusement. If men were paid off at every port or given allotment notes on the voyage payable at the shipping office on arrival it would tend to regulate wages, and there would be no inducement to captains to make men desert in order to shore in the blood money.

The chairman: Do shipmasters induce men to desert?

Witness: I know a shipmaster who was here who said that he had never paid a man in his ship for three years. He had actually run the ship for three years without paying anything. He made things too warm for the crew on board.

Dr. W. L. Eames also gave evidence.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

YIELD FOR THE SEASON.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Mr. J. D. Johnston, director of the Mossman mill, who has been interviewed at Townsville, expects that the total yield of sugar this season will be 11,000 tons. The prospects for next season are good, if there are no unforeseen circumstances. He expects a yield of 12,000 tons. The percentage of cane grown at Mossman by white labour is not worth speaking about, there being only one gang of cutters and workers. If matters were left to the white workers, he says, there would be only 400 or 500 tons of sugar made in a season. The farmers did not depend upon them, but had to employ black labour to keep the mill going.

TRANSHIPMENT OF JAVA SUGAR.

ADELAIDE, Monday.

The steamer Ashmount is in Port Adelaide, loading 2000 tons of raw Java sugar. She already has on board 2500 tons shipped at Melbourne. This consignment was imported last August and landed, it is understood, in bond. A duty of £6 per ton is imposed on Java sugar, while the excise on sugar of Queensland production is only £3 per ton, and as one commands no higher price than the other in the refined state, this quantity has been kept as reserve stocks. The Queensland crop this year has exceeded the earlier estimate, and adequate supplies are now assured to meet all the Commonwealth demands. Consequently the company will not be obliged to draw on the Java produce, and as there is a shortage of raw cane sugar on the London market and advanced prices, there have made it possible to dispose of this stock. It is being shipped over in Liverpool.

SECOND EDITION

SILVER.

LONDON, Feb. 27.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 32d per ounce standard, a fall of 5-16d since Saturday.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POLICE COMMISSIONER.

SUSPENSION CANCELLED.

PERTH, Monday.

The Cabinet to-night cancelled the suspension of Captain Hare, Commissioner of Police. The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Taylor, states that on Friday last he received from Captain Hare a long letter, in which the Commissioner expressed regret at having committed a breach of the Public Service Act by making a statement in the press regarding the Aborigines' Commission. In the same letter Captain Hare expressed an unqualified apology for having reflected upon the character of the witnesses examined by Dr. Roth, and upon the manner in which Dr. Roth had conducted his investigations.

FIRE IN A COOPERAGE.

Cormack's Cooperage in Darling Harbour was the scene of a fire early this morning. The alarm was given by a policeman, who noticed flames issuing from a window on the first floor. The "turnout" by the fire brigade was an excellent one. It was found that the fire was on the first floor of the building, which consists of two stories. Two hydrants were used to such advantage that the outbreak was subdued within 20 minutes of the time of the call. Superintendent Webb and Deputy-superintendent Sparks conducted the operations.

THE ENGLISH MAILS.

ORIENT COMPANY'S POSITION.

STATEMENT BY THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Monday.

The Postmaster-General states that when the Orient Company notified that it intended clearing its vessels for Colombo, although it was well known that passengers had been booked and cargo taken for London, its contention was that, having cleared for Colombo, the law required it to deliver the mails there.

Mr. Sydney Smith took a very determined stand in the matter, and pointed out that the mere fact of the vessels being cleared for Colombo did not relieve the Company from the obligation of serving the laws of the Commonwealth, and that it would be required to land the Australian mails, as directed, at the first port of call in the Mediterranean. As a further precaution, Mr. Sydney Smith communicated by cable with the Postmaster-General at Colombo, requesting him not to receive the Commonwealth mails if they were tendered to him. Then in a subsequent cable he asked whether there was any law, municipal or otherwise, which required the Commonwealth mails to be landed at Colombo, as contended by the Orient Company.

To-day he received the following reply from the Postmaster-General at Colombo:—"Yours of the 23rd. No such rule."

Mr. Sydney Smith also stated that the Orient Company had now asked how he wished the mails delivered, with those on board the Ormuz and those on the Orient. He has directed a reply to be sent, which, after formally acknowledging receipt of the letter of the Secretary of the department, says:—"In reply, the Postmaster-General desires me to say that he wishes the mails by both vessels to be delivered as follows: Parcels, if as supposed there will be no difficulty in distinguishing them, to be landed on arrival at an English port

published, the statement that he, Mr. Keele, had misled the department in regard to the dam. He was quite sure the Premier did not know what his colleague had said, and he (Mr. Keele) had therefore written to Mr. Carruthers, asking for a Royal Commission of inquiry into the whole question of the Cataract Dam.

Mr. Garrard said the motion should be modified as suggested by Mr. Watkins. The Acting Premier had said that if the extra height of the dam could be justified the Government would give the proposal every consideration. That was a statesmanlike assurance. The Government had acted wisely in securing the services of Mr. Stuart Murray, an eminent engineer free of local bias, and who was fearless enough to be uninfluenced.

An amendment by Mr. Garrard was negatived, and the motion was agreed to.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have had some little experience of works of this nature, my firm having constructed the works of the Dunedin water supply, also the Silverstream for the same city. Fancy this department that has been squandering money by the million talking of saving a paltry £15,000. If they had any brains they could have saved very much more than that on the work already done at the dam. About £120,000 has been expended, and there is not £70,000 in value to show for it; further, the excavations for the trench, amounting to about 70,000 cubic yards, has been thrown inside the dam, that is, into the basin. Did the department think this would increase its capacity, or did they mean these excavations to act as patent filter-beds? Further, the tramway has been laid at such a low level that it has to be removed. This bungling, and fooling will cost some thousands of pounds. This is no fault of the working man, or day labour, but simply due to official incompetency, incapacity, and imbecility. I would suggest to the Water Board that they have the whole of the present work valued, for they have no more right to pay interest on the cost of the work than they have to pay for goods which they have never received. The department now assert that as the dam cannot be filled it should be reduced in height. It is only an assertion. Mr. Clarke, the eminent hydraulic engineer, who came here at considerable cost to the State, reported that according to supply, rainfall, gauging measurements, and allowing for five millions of gallons more than the present daily consumption, evaporation, etc., there must be about 40 per cent. of water going over the bywash. Mr. Coghlan corroborates this. The board's engineers have records extending over 25 years. They have also tested and checked Messrs. Clarke and Coghlan's figures, etc., and find them correct. Therefore the mere assertion of a statesmanlike or the Works Department is of no value or weight.

The sanitation, cleanliness, and health of a city, and its immunity from fire, demand that it shall not only have a sufficient supply, but an abundant one. There is also about 9000 acres market garden lands which can be irrigated by this waste water, and small reservoirs could also be constructed and supplied. Supposing this land to be worth £5 an acre; that 2000 acres of it, or 1/4 gation would be good grass land, worth £20 per acre; that 7000 acres would be good per acre; that 7000 acres would be good vegetable garden land, worth £70 per acre. Then we have a present asset of £45,000 enriched to the extent of say £450,000, or £500 much added to the State's wealth. It would also be a big contributor to the revenue, and give employment to about say, 7000 people.

I am, etc.,
GEORGE PROUDFOOT.

EDUCATION REFORM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Ever since the Government announced that no one outside New South Wales need apply for the position of Director of Education the hope of a better state of things has been very very dimly burning among those teachers most genuinely anxious to make an attempt to get into line with education in other countries, and among New South Wales teachers there is a very large proportion of such men and women. The last ray of hope completely went out when it became known that Mr. Knibbs (a man capable of recognising these things when he saw them, and fearless in his condemnation of the old system) was not to be director.

The announcement now made, timidly and in an obscure corner by Mr. Inspector Flashman (Mr. Board's right hand man at the late conference), that tyranny is still to go on in a greater blow than was expected.

The "examination" evil has been so thoroughly and ably exposed, and so generally admitted to be an unnecessary torture, that none but the inspectorial mind, trained in a tyrannical school, would think of attempting its revival.

The announcement of Mr. Inspector Flashman that the examination of certain important subjects will continue makes the new system even worse than the old. Every teacher, accustomed to the barbarous cruelty of the examination process, knows well how the unscrupulous man will act, and the conscientious will fall under such an arrangement. The pet subjects of the inspector can easily be worked at the expense of the others. When will the inspectorial mind see that any examination for results is a sure system of encouragement to cruelty to the children, and destroys at once the true atmosphere necessary in a school? Under this system the flogging teacher scores every time. There is no excuse whatever for this tyrannous system except in the case of a mechanical or indolent teacher, and then should be the prelude to a dismissal. If the inspector knows his business (how many of them do?) he certainly should be engaged in the work of instructing the teachers, most of whom would gladly remedy their mistakes if shown how. It is no exaggeration to state that the majority of the inspectors are regarded as mere bull-dogs by practically all the teachers in their respective districts.

The habit has so grown with them that it is a noticeable fact if one of these high and mighty gentlemen condescends to meet and discuss matters with the teachers he frequently devotes much of his address to discoursing on the frailties of his teachers; but he has scarcely ever been known to mention any redeeming features (we all like a pat on the back when we deserve it), and more seldom has he been known to show them in anything like a practical way how they can improve their methods. Perhaps the advisory board can do something towards impressing these important points upon the departmental officers.

I am, etc.,
A HEAD MASTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The training of Public school teachers seems to be a system compelling men and women to adapt an ordinary intellect to an extraordinary one of genius. Take music, singing, and modelling, all belonging to the fine arts. Why compel men and women, who are excellent disciplinarians, good, capable, conscientious teachers, but who have no artistic genius, to teach what it is impossible for them to learn? As well insist on a lame man running a race. Why not have testing classes, not for the teachers, which would cost the country some of the best masters and mistresses, but for the pupils. Take then the best voices and have singing taught to those picked voices at a central place in each district. The same could be done with modelling and drawing, then the pupils distinguished in those subjects could have their talents properly trained, and the parents could choose whether the child should have that training or not. There should not be any higher fees to pay, provided the pupil shows a talent that will bring credit to the country. The time taken up, and in many cases wasted, could then be devoted to other branches of learning. The system pursued in Italy (as to fees) according to the statement of an Italian) seems a very fair one. All go to the communal school, where the fees are equal, unless the parents choose to call themselves "gentleman," in which case the fees are raised according to rank. Coaching, patching, and cramming will be learned at this school were exquisite.) Will some Italian set this statement right if wrong? That appears an excellent plan by which the rich contribute to the education of the poor. It seems ridiculous for a man with £2000 per annum to pay £8 a week, the same as a man with say £78 per annum. The letter from "Another Mother" about sewing and cooking is quite correct as to facts, but the teachers are not always to blame. They say it is very difficult to get the girls to learn "common" sewing and "common" cooking. They all want to do "fancy" work and "fancy" cooking, and insist on doing it, even if they know it will not be useful in the future. The sewing class is often the worst attended in the school. "It's only sewing this afternoon, mother says I need not go." Is it not understood that girls are not compelled to learn Latin and Euclid? They can not advance to certain classes probably, but why want to be called a Grecian if one is not one? Then as to boys learning carpentering, and girls learning dressmaking, every boy and every girl has not the genius for even that, and there are thousands of boys who could not make a decent box, as there are thousands of girls whose dressmaking would only end in a shapeless bag, no matter what amount of teaching they had. The latest "fad" in modelling is one that teachers have a fair right to grumble at, not one child in a hundred will benefit by it. The Technical School will meet all aspirations in that direction, or what is its use? Pray, let it be understood that I am not a Public School teacher, and have no relatives or friends who belong to the department, but it is easy to see how the employees of that department are bothered and badgered by Government and public alike.

I am, etc.,
MERCURIUS RUSTICUS.

In 12 months over 3000 dogs were passed by the inspectors at the Berlin slaughterhouse as being fit for consumption by human beings.

CITY FINANCES.

FIXING THE RATES.

REVIEW OF THE POSITION.

SUCCESS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT SCHEME.

A meeting of the general purposes committee of the City Council was held last night for the purpose of considering the estimated receipts and expenditure for the year 1905. The salaries as recommended were with a few minor alterations, adopted.

Alderman H. M. Stephen read a comprehensive statement regarding the financial condition of the corporation. It stated:—

CORPORATION ASSETS.

The capital value of Sydney properties assessed for rating purposes is £44,880,460. The assessed annual value for 1905, including companies' mains, is £2,077,018 net. The city rate receivable therefrom at 1s 9d in the £ is £181,729. The total liabilities of the corporation at December 31, 1904, were £1,615,322. The corporation assets, against which annual depreciation is deducted, were represented at £1,928,604, and the balance of surplus over liabilities was on December 31, 1904, £313,082, or considerably over a quarter of a million pounds. With regard to interest, the rate payable on the loans is chiefly £4 per cent. Out of £1,650,000 debentures only £50,000 now stand at £5 per cent., and in January, 1906, the last debenture at that rate will be repaid. £2,000,000, carrying £5 per cent., was retired in July, 1904. All the accumulated sinking funds of the council are invested in New South Wales Government securities at £3 and £4 per cent. The council possesses the power to rate up to the statutory limit of 2s in the £, and this gives an uncalled rate revenue of £25,992 per annum.

REVENUE FROM RATES.

Going first to the revenue side of the estimates, it will be noticed that the total receipts are estimated at £245,536, of which the city rate provides by far the greater part, amounting, as already stated, to £181,729. From this, however, the estimated outstandings at the end of the year 1905, and certain adjustments to be made with the Harbour Trust, are to be deducted, leaving a net rate for 1905 of £177,626. It may be noted that a rate of a penny in the pound corresponds to a revenue of £8500.

EXEMPTIONS FROM RATES.

The adjustments with the Harbour Trust which have been referred to are in respect of the exemption allowed under the Act in respect of property occupied for the purposes of the Trust. This exemption had been applied so as to reduce pro tanto the rates on any premises remaining temporarily unoccupied, and also to free lands held by the Trust for trading purposes, although in respect of the latter the Trust's immunity from rates necessarily affords it an advantage in competing with shipping firms, and the council has contended that in respect of such lands the Trust should recognise its obligation of paying rates.

OTHER RECEIPTS.

In addition to the city rates, which amount to 75 per cent. of the total receipts, revenue is mainly obtained from the dues receivable from the sale-yards and markets. The net revenue from cattle sale yards in 1904 was £3779, and a similar amount is estimated for 1905. The Belmore Markets show a net profit of £3601, and the fish markets of £486, while the Queen Victoria Markets disclose a deficit of £2173, and the fish market cooling chamber a small loss of £84. On the whole, these items show a small but shrinkage on the figures of the previous year, which no doubt, is due mainly to the general depression and dearth of production. The estimated figures for 1905 follow those of last year, with the exception that the loss on the fruit season owing to the failure of orchards is expected to reduce somewhat the profits of the Belmore Markets. The detailed figures as to the Queen Victoria Markets show that the rents received amounted to £15,911, and the working expenses to £5015, the interest and sinking fund charged against this market totalling £18,470.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

It is expected that the electric light undertaking will, during the present year, at least pay its way, and next year will make up any loss on the tramways working, and provide some return to the city revenue.

SURPLUS OF 1904.

The council entered upon the year 1904 with a cash surplus of £39,173. This surplus was largely absorbed—(1) by the amount of £19,121 charged against it for the purpose of meeting a deficiency in the sinking fund of the £900,000 street loans, (2) by a decrease of £6000 in the electric lighting account to ease the financial strain of its first year's working, and (3) a cash surplus of £9575 was carried forward into 1905. After deducting these items from the surplus of £39,173 there remains an amount of £3982 which was absorbed in the ordinary workings of the year 1904, and represents therefore the amount of the excess of the ordinary expenditure over the normal revenue for the year.

SINKING FUND DEFICIENCY.

The abovementioned deficiency of £19,121 in the sinking fund of the streets loan, which had to be provided for upon the maturity of the loan last July, is due mainly to the inadequate provision for the yearly instalment to be paid towards such fund, which resulted in a shortage of £14,726. A further deficiency was created by depreciation of the market, for funded stock, in which a large portion of the sinking funds, viz., £71,574, was then invested. For the purpose of diminishing the loss which would result from a forced sale in such a market, the council purchased £54,022 of this stock at its face value, employing in the purchase certain realisable credits of other sinking funds and accounts, and at the same time opened a deficiency account, to which an annual sum of £1049 is carried from the city fund, and which will be distributed over the funded stock, so as ultimately to bring the stock up to its face value. By the redemption of this loan the council got rid of its last remaining 5 per cent. loan, and the interest on the debentures now stands at £4 per cent., and the interest on the inscribed stock at £3 per cent., or less, with the exception of a small 5 per cent. Town Hall loan of £35,000, which matures on January 1, 1906.

EXPENDITURE.

The total estimated expenditure for 1905 is £250,107, as against an actual expenditure of £270,702 in 1904. The main decreases in expenditure are due to the absence of the extraordinary payments for roads, £25,116, made to the streets loan sinking fund account, the electric light account. An increase of about £2000 is estimated in respect of such public gaslights as will still be retained, owing to the new gaslights at present demanded by the Gas Company at £1 per lamp per annum.

It is estimated that if the parks are taken over by the council it will be necessary to expend £7000 upon them. In addition to this amount, a grant may be made. An amount of £3000 is estimated for the erection of horse yards at Fleming-ton, adjacent to the present cattle sale-yards. The remainder of the expenditure is largely of fixed character, and of amounts required for necessary works, the majority of the figures corresponding generally with the details of expenditure for 1904. The estimated receipts have been considered and approved by the appropriate committees.

SUMMARY.

To sum up, the estimated receipts and expenditure are as follow:—

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.	
Finance Committee (including rate at 1s 9d in the £)	£233,393
Works Committee	5,575
Health Committee	6,658
Total estimated Receipts	£245,536
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.	
Finance Committee	£121,847
Works Committee	54,169
Works Committee (Lighting)	19,403
Health Committee	54,693
Total estimated Expenditure	£250,107
Total estimated Receipts (as above)	245,536
Balance estimated Excessive Expenditure...	£4,571

The rate for 1901 was 2s; for 1902, 1s 10d; for 1903 and 1904, 1s 9d. The policy of the council has been to keep down the rate within its income from year to year, a fair from the responsible committees the reasonable requirements of the city, and strike a rate to satisfy them; and the finance committee, acting upon this principle, recommend that the rate be fixed this year at 1s 9d. It is estimated no doubt that this rate will result in a small deficit, but the imposition of another penny would probably cover the shortage twice over, and it may be that the council, by economical finance, may reduce or remove the estimated deficiency.

Alderman Stephen then moved,—"That this committee recommend to council that the estimates of receipts and expenditure as now scheduled, be adopted, and that the city rate for 1905 be fixed at 1s 9d in the pound, payable by two half-yearly instalments of 11d and 10d respectively."

Alderman Kelly moved,—"That the rate be reduced to 1s 8d in the £."

Alderman Clarke seconded the amendment, which on being put was negatived. The original motion was carried on the voices.

DRUNKENNESS IN RUSSIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In the issue of your valuable paper of Febuary 23 there appears a speech made by the Rev. N. M. Hennessy to the New South Wales Alliance (Newtown branch) on the above subject, and it can hardly be passed by without contradiction by one that has travelled extensively in Russia, and who has visited most Russian seaports of any consequence. On one occasion I was compelled to remain five months at Odessa, on the Black Sea, where we arrived after discharging our cargo of coal at Constantinople, too late, and had the misfortune to be detained, and remained iceboud for five months. During that time I had many opportunities to notice the habits of the population. What strikes the newcomer most is the absence of drunkenness; for at every turn you meet a man who carries a samovar (tea urn), where you can procure a cup of hot tea and roll for a copeck (less than a penny). The tea is first class, for the Russian is a great tea-drinker, and would despise most of the concoctions of so-called tea that are served dry in grocery shops or supplied in most of our restaurants. I have watched them with amusement on the wharf or in the streets, as they are not patronised by working men only, but also by the well-to-do; ladies dressed in valuable furs, driving in their sledges, are frequently patronising the samovar man, whose urn shines like silver. It would, indeed, do good to the Rev. N. M. Hennessy to take a trip to Russia, and I guarantee that he would have not as much trouble to get into Russia as he would have trouble to get into Australia. The Russians would not object to him carrying a walking-stick besides his Bible, for there would be more danger in the Bible than in the stick. For that is Russia's trouble—too much Bible. It would be interesting to know what the respective drink bills would pan out per head for a year of Australia and Russia, also charges for drunkenness, besides those that get drunk at home and never get charged with the offence. No; let Mr. Hennessy first get more reliable information, if he cannot get practical experience, before making such charges, and then he need have no fear of contradiction.

I am, etc.,
JOHN HARDYMANN.

Balmain, Feb. 25.

NEWCASTLE.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Monday.

The steamer Wakatipu cleared at the Customs to-day for Launceston, via Sydney, with 1000 tons of coal, and 53 cases biscuits; the steamer Barrier for Melbourne, with 2830 tons of coal; the German steamer Augsburg for Manila, via Sydney with 6000 tons of mixed coals, 50 horses, and 10 tons of hay; the steamer Norkoonda for Melbourne, with 2200 tons of coal; and the steamer Chillagoe for Maryborough, with 450 tons.

Mr. J. C. Williamson's Comic Opera Company, which opened for a short season on Saturday, produced "Patience" to-night before a large audience, and with complete success. All the principals were repeatedly recalled, while the choruses received general commendation.

THE WEATHER.

HEAVY THUNDERSTORMS IN THE NORTH.

Further particulars were received yesterday respecting the violent thunderstorms which passed over the northern districts on Saturday and Sunday. As stated in yesterday's issue, there were phenomenal falls at a few places, upwards of 4 inches being measured at two stations within a short space of time. The complete reports received yesterday show that the electrical disturbance affected a very large area in the north, the principal registrations being as follows:—

	Points.		Points.
Macleay Heads	439	Tweed Heads	120
Kempsey	422	Bundarra	114
Woolgoolga	332	Boggabri	112
Quirindi	200	Moree	105
New Angledool	190	Tabulam	87
Collarendabri	183	Manilla	75
Mogil	167	Lismore	53
Inverell	140		

A complete list of the registrations for the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m., yesterday will be found in our meteorological report. Yesterday a few light showers were experienced at scattered places, the highest record reported last evening being 17 points at Forbes.

High temperatures ruled generally in the interior yesterday, the principal shade readings of the thermometer furnished to the Observatory last night being Albury 106 degrees, Hillston and Walgett 100, Wilcannia, Bourke, and Condobolin 99, Deniliquin 97, Dubbo and Wentworth 96, Broken Hill 85, Hay 94, and Forbes 92.

Mr. H. A. Hunt, the Acting Government Meteorologist, says that the conditions point to repeated thunderstorms over the eastern and north-eastern districts. There is a prospect for more heavy coastal falls, and the winds are expected to blow from north-east to south-east.

HEAVY HAILSTORM.

LITHGOW, Monday.

One of the heaviest storms of hail and rain experienced here for years broke over this afternoon, and did considerable damage to fruit, gardens, and houses in the lower levels, window glass, etc. The storm lasted half an hour. 177 points of rain were registered up to this morning.

COW KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

KEMPSEY, Monday.

A series of heavy thunderstorms passed over the district on Saturday and Sunday. It was thundering for upwards of 24 hours, and during Saturday night some thunder showers were of phenomenal force. Over 3 inches fell during the afternoon. Yesterday (Sunday) 498 points of rain were registered, and for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Monday 24 points. On Sunday morning a cow was killed by lightning in a paddock just in front of the residence of Mr. Hibbard's boarding-house were dislodged at the same time.

BREWARRINA.—Twenty-seven points of rain were registered from a thunderstorm on Sunday night. There were scattered storms throughout the district on the same day, and only fair falls were reported, but the rain was too patchy to do much good.

COLLARENDABRI.—A terrific thunderstorm, accompanied by rain and hail, passed over on Saturday afternoon. 183 points of rain fell here. The country is looking magnificent for grass.

MOREE.—A thunder hailstorm passed over on Saturday evening, with very much thunder and rain on Sunday night. Moree registered 105 points. Pilliga 34, Collarendabri 183, Mogil 167, Boggabilla 2, Yetman 70.

NEW ANGLEDOOL.—A heavy thunderstorm, with hail, passed over here on Saturday evening, 190 points of rain being registered within an hour.

AMUSEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL.

A change in the cast of "The Best of Friends" was rendered necessary at the Theatre Royal last night owing to the unexpected indisposition of Miss Hope. Under these circumstances the part of Mercia di Marco on the night was played by Miss Pollock, while the part of Spud was played by Miss Florrie Kelly. At Spanglers was taken by Miss Florrie Kelly. At both the leading theatres any contretemps of this kind is already provided for, and Mr. Riland Holt had taken care to ensure a smooth performance. The piece was accordingly received with all the accustomed cordiality by a large audience.

FORTUNE TELLING

In the Central Summons Court yesterday Elizabeth La Maine was charged with having falsely pretended to a constable to tell him his fortune. Constable Waller stated that on the signboard at No. 4 City-road was the name Madame La Maine, with the word "Clairvoyant" underneath. When he called upon her she sat down, got hold of his hand, and shut her eyes. She then told him she knew what he had come for; he wanted to know about "some young lady," and he had a token in his right vest pocket. Witness had in his right vest pocket a matchbox. He took it out, and handed it to her. She told him that he was going ahead for him in connection with the girl and a man in a light "Dr. Jim" hat. She also told him that he would travel, for she could see him among trains and cars. He was also to see him among water, and would be the only one saved. Later on he was to be very rich—when he was about 35. For this information he was to pay her 5s. In reply to Mr. Gibbons, the witness in the course of evidence stated that the defendant had seven or eight visitors a night, three nights a week.

Defendant was charged with being a spiritualist, a clairvoyant, and a medium. She denied having told the constable his fortune. She had told him something altogether different to understand that she was charged with for the time being.

Defendant was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, the sentence to be suspended on her entering into sureties to be of good behaviour for 12 months.

ALLEGED FALSE STATEMENT.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Smithers, M.M., Charles Molloy, aged 35, by occupation a tailor, was charged with having wilfully made a false statement respecting a certain child when such statement was required for the purpose of inserting in the registration book for births at Newtown. Evidence was given by Jane Jones, of the South Sydney Women's Hospital, that the accused, on January 2 last, gave her certain particulars, which she put on a piece of paper. Subsequently he signed it in a form of paper. Subsequently he signed it in a form containing these particulars, and signed it as a witness. Three days later Mr. Ardill witnessed the signature of the accused, and sent the form on to the registrar for Girls, for the district of Newtown. Evidence was given by Molloy that he was married to the mother of the child, and that his age was 26. He afterwards signed the form containing that information, in the presence of witness. Evidence was then tendered by the mother of the child that the accused was not her husband, and that his name was Molloy. Her husband had been away from her for two years. The accused, who was committed for trial, and allowed bail, stated that when he registered the child he did not know that he was liable to punishment for wrongly stating that he was married to the mother.

THE SUBURBS.

KOGARAH.

At the last meeting of the Kogarah Council, Alderman R. Keam moved,—"That the urgent attention of the Water and Sewerage Board should be called to the inadequate machinery at the Carlton pumping station." The resolution was carried.

At the last meeting of the Rockdale Council a letter was read from Mr. E. Pike, Marshall-street, Kogarah, regarding the betting nuisance at Moorefield Racecourse. On the last race day the crowd was so congregated outside the course were informed that they would not be allowed to indulge in betting in the street. They thereupon, he said, proceeded "with their stalls, carts, and betting paraphernalia" to a piece of land adjoining his house. The rear portion of his premises was left in a filthy state, being strewn with banana skins, betting tickets, etc. He spoke to the police on the matter, who could give very little assistance, as he states there are only two constables and no matter how zealous they are, it could hardly be expected that they could control such a crowd.

The Mayor (Alderman T. Taylor), in reply to a letter complaining of the bad smell said to emanate from the sewage farm, has stated that the residents should demand the abolition of the farm. In its present condition it would always be unpleasant. By the introduction of a septic tank only would the nuisance be abated. But this would cost at least £30,000.

WILLOUGHBY.

The borough assessors' report shows that the total number of buildings in the district is 558, of which 102 have been erected during the past year. The estimated revenue from general rates for the ensuing year is £3824, as against £3637 for the previous year, an increase of £197.

POSTAL PILLAR BOXES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Complaints against post-office neglect are now apparently becoming very frequent, and it is time the public insist on improvement. Where I reside, in Redfern, there is a pillar-box about 50 yards from me, and which, if it were correct, would save the residents a walk of about a mile to the local depôt, a post-office, but, as I have find, from long experience, that the times of delivery painted on the boxes have been more observed in the breach than the observance, and can by no means be depended on. Although it is marked for delivery at 12.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., it is frequently necessary not to rely on it for urgent letters. I have tested it often and found what I have stated to be correct. Besides, I have spoken to the officials, who call at other times to deliver it, and who have admitted that they are not instructed to call at the hours indicated on the box, and that they should be amended, and advised me to write to the office about it. Better by far that no time be stated at all than false times. I often have to walk at 11 p.m. to the local office to post letters for early morning delivery. I am, etc.,

G. GREENWOOD.

Feb. 25.

THE AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS.

CANTERBURY BEATEN BY EIGHT WICKETS.

RAPID SCORING BY TRUMPER AND DUFF.

CHRISTCHURCH, Monday.

Heavy showers fell during Sunday night, and it rained hard for several hours this morning. The rain ceased about 2.30 p.m., and play was postponed until 4.30. The wicket was soft and greasy, and the bowlers could hardly keep their feet. The out-field was heavy, and with a gloomy sky the light was bad. The attendance was about 1000. The home team had eight wickets down for 176, and the two remaining wickets were disposed of in 15 minutes for an addition of seven runs, the innings closing for 183. Ollivier, who was in on Saturday for three hours for 38 added a single. Laver got seven wickets for 66.

The Australians had to get 137 runs to win in an hour. Trumper and Duff gave an exhibition of big-hitting, and the visitors won by eight wickets with a minute to spare. The century was compiled in 40 minutes. Duff opened quickly, and made 20 before Trumper scored, but when the latter started he piled up the runs rapidly, delighting the spectators with his clever placing and his power and variety of strokes. Duff's score of 42 included six fours, and Trumper's 87 not out fourteen. Hallaway disposed of Duff, and also bowled Hill when he had made 2. Of seven-teen overs only one was a maiden, the runs averaging almost 11 an over. Scores:—

CANTERBURY.—First Innings, 119.
Second Innings.

Sims, c Armstrong, b Noble	4
Orchard, c Gehrs, b Noble	26
Ollivier, c Duff, b Noble	39
Lawrence, c Armstrong, b Laver	49
Callaway, c Armstrong, b Laver	8
Bidley, b Laver	20
Barron, b Laver	0
Ellis, c Trumper, b Laver	0
Bennett, c Laver, b Noble	0
Bonzhall, b Laver	2
Read, not out	6
Sundries	9
Total	183

Bowling: Noble, 23 overs, 10 maidens, 42 runs, 2 wickets; Laver, 23 overs, 9 maidens, 66 runs, 7 wickets; Armstrong, 7 overs, 4 maidens, 11 runs; Hallaway, 5 overs, 2 maidens, 18 runs; Gehrs, 8 overs, 2 maidens, 24 runs; Howell, 11 overs, 8 maidens, 12 runs.

AUSTRALIA.—First Innings, 186.
Second Innings.

Duff, b Callaway	42
Trumper, not out	87
Hill, b Callaway	2
Noble, not out	5
Sundries	1
Two wickets for	137

Bowling: Callaway, 9 overs, 1 maiden, 64 runs, 2 wickets; Bennett, 7 overs, 58 runs; Read, 1 over, 14 runs.

THE OTAGO MATCH.

WELLINGTON, Monday.

The Otago team to play against the Australian Eleven will consist of Austin, Fisher, Cudworth, Riedeberg, Shacklock, Kilgour, Cramond, Graham, Baker, Williams, and Howden.

THE NEW ZEALAND RECORD.

Auckland Fifteen, 175 and 107; Australia, 445.
Wellington Fifteen, 188 and 9 for 214; Australia, 433.
Canterbury Eleven, 117 and 183; Australia, 186 and 2 for 137.
The fourth match with an Otago eleven will commence on March 3.

THE WRECKED ORIZABA

SALE POSTPONED.

PERTH, Monday.

It has been decided to postpone the sale of the hull of the S.S. Orizaba until Monday at noon, so that the underwriters may have a longer time for the work of salvaging.

THE GRAND MAGAZINE.

Sir George Newnes, prolific parent of periodicals, has added "The Grand Magazine" to his notable family. He it was who discovered some fourteen years ago that more attention might be secured for magazines by what he calls "the generous introduction of high-class illustrations." He has now discovered that there are a lot of people who do not require to have their imaginations pampered—unpublished poets, rejected painters, and the intelligent public generally. Wherefore he has decided to let them have "The Grand Magazine," the first number of which is now before us. There is a story of Sir Conan Doyle which was published years ago; there are carefully balanced judgments about the Japanese and the Russians; there is a translation of Sardou's only short story, "The Bomb-Shell;" there is a capital but incomplete story by Mr. Morley Roberts, entitled "The Extraordinards of the Sir Somervilles," and there is an alleged "Reminiscence" by Lord Rowton. When he called upon her she sat down, got hold of his hand, and shut her eyes. She then told him she knew what he had come for; he wanted to know about "some young lady," and he had a token in his right vest pocket. Witness had in his right vest pocket a matchbox. He took it out, and handed it to her. She told him that he was going ahead for him in connection with the girl and a man in a light "Dr. Jim" hat. She also told him that he would travel, for she could see him among trains and cars. He was also to see him among water, and would be the only one saved. Later on he was to be very rich—when he was about 35. For this information he was to pay her 5s. In reply to Mr. Gibbons, the witness in the course of evidence stated that the defendant had seven or eight visitors a night, three nights a week.

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THE BRITISH ALMANAC.

"The British Almanac" has now reached its 78th year of issue, and the number for 1905 shows no diminution in the interest and energy on the part of the publishers (Charles Letts and Co.), to which the publication owes its well-deserved success. The book is described as "a treasury of astronomical, meteorological, official, and other information of a practically useful character," and to this should be added the fact that the information is carefully collected and admirably arranged. With the best of care, however, errors creep in occasionally. Thus ,whilst the "Almanac" brings us down to the formation of the Carruthers Cabinet, it leaves readers to suppose that there are still 125 members of the Legislative Assembly. Also, it is hardly up to the reputation of the "Almanac" to say in regard to the Commonwealth that "on April (year not indicated) the Federal Government resigned, having been defeated on the Arbitration Bill. Mr. Watson, the Labour leader, formed a Cabinet, and Parliament adjourned to May 18. An attempt by Mr. Reid to form a coalition against the Government failed." Of course it may be said that we are a feeble folk, whose history is not worth recording. That may be, but, if the thing is attempted, it might as well be brought up to date.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I notice by your issue of yesterday that the Water and Sewerage Board has been making some concessions, by averaging the water used during the year, to those who use more than the allowance. That may be all right enough, but they do not go far enough. Why not deal out justice to all? for I hold they do not do justice, and more especially among the poorer classes, who are the parties that actually require assistance, if such be allowed.

What I contend for is: The board allows a certain quantity to be used before they make a charge, but supposing they (the consumers) do not use the quantity allowed, why are they not allowed a rebate? They have as much right to that in common fairness as the persons using more than their allowance the one six months, and not up to their allowance the next six months. Why make the water not be distributed in the same manner as the gas, both being used by meter? With this difference, while the Gas Company supplies the meter free, the board charges a fee. They seem to wish to get at the public in every way possible. The labour party are advocates for running everything by Government; but if everything by Government was run on the same lines as the water and sewerage is, we would not be pestered with their clamour of having everything under Government control. All I advocate is fair play to all, and the way to get there is by doing as the Gas Company do, supply meters, and charge according to quantity used. By such a condition no one could have any reason to complain.

To show the injustice of the present system I will give my own case for the last five years. I am allowed, according to how I am rated, to use 80,000 gallons per annum, which would be for the five years 180,000 gallons. I have used as follows:—For 1900 nine thousand gallons, for 1901 thirteen thousand, for 1902 eleven thousand, for 1903 nine thousand, and for 1904 twelve thousand gallons, or a total of fifty-four thousand gallons for the five years; while I could have used one hundred and eighty thousand gallons for the money I have paid them, and then I had to pay for the meter extra.

I have not the slightest doubt but thousands are in the same position as I am; then I pay, why should they be called upon to pay for what they do not use? It is only giving a premium to encourage waste, because it could be as justly said, let us use what we are allowed, as we pay for it. As for the board to say you must pay for a certain quantity whether you use it or not, I do hope in the interest of many poor families the board will give this matter further consideration, and come to the resolution to only charge for the quantity used, as the Gas Company do, and also give the meters free. It might be said it would cause a considerable loss of revenue. If that was likely to be the case the rate might be slightly increased all round, and by that means it might not affect the revenue very much. However, if it would be honest, for one would be paying for what he gets, as in the case of his baker, milkman, grocer, butcher, etc. Trusting the board will consider this aspect of the question, and so alter present arrangements that all will be called on to pay only what they are honestly entitled to pay.

I am, etc.,
WILLIAM AFFLECK.

Feb. 25.

CASUALTIES.

RAILWAY FATALITY.

At an inquest held yesterday on the body of the child, Andrew Bernard Garlick, who died in the Children's Hospital at the Glebe, on Sunday, from the effect of injuries received on the railway line near Helensburgh the previous day, a verdict of accidental death was returned. In the evidence it was elicited that the deceased was playing at his parents' residence, which is only separated from the railway by a footpath, at about half-past 6 in the evening, and was found shortly afterwards lying on the line with his right leg severed below the knee, his right arm fractures, and several other wounds. No evidence was adduced as to how the accident occurred, but it was evident that the boy had been run over by a passing train. His father is stationmaster at the Metropolitan Coal siding at Helensburgh.

AN ACCOUNTANT DROWNED.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

Mr. Raymond Mills, accountant to the firm of Messrs. J. Chant and Co., was drowned in the river last night. He and a friend were in a flat-bottomed boat, which capsized, and Mr. Mills sank almost immediately.

SHOT DEAD BY A CONSTABLE.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The Commissioner of Police received a telegram yesterday from Mackay stating that an aboriginal supposed to be a lunatic, and who was armed with a rifle, had been at large in the Mount Britton Ranges for the past fortnight. He attempted to shoot First-class Constable Balaam when that officer was arresting him, and Balaam fired, killing him.

DEATH OF A SCHOOLBOY.

BRISBANE, Monday.

The body of Ivan Miller, aged about 6½, was found on Saturday in a creek at Woolwin, a suburb of Brisbane. It appears that Miller left home on Friday to go to school, accompanied by a lad about the same age. As he did not return search was made, and his body was found.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY HOSPITAL AND CONVALESCENT FUNDS.

The fifteenth annual meeting of the Railway and Tramway Employees' Hospital and Convalescent Funds was held on Friday evening. The secretary, Mr. T. B. Richards, submitted the report of the committee of management for the year, which showed that there had been a slight falling off in subscriptions this year, but the committee were hopeful that the interest of the service at large the time was not far distant when every employee would recognise the utility and responsibility of subscribing, whether expecting to require the benefits or not. During the year the Railway Employees' Consumptive Fund had been established, so as to deal with the abnormal growth of tuberculosis, which was having a very serious effect upon the hospital fund. The receipts and balance-sheet were adopted. Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. W. H. Swain; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. H. Reddie, Walter E. Newell, and W. H. King; secretary, Mr. T. D. Richards; treasurer, Mr. J. Smith; trustees, Messrs. E. Monk, J. Taylor, and S. A. Hilliard; auditors, Messrs. R. Bowmaker and G. Thompson.

An amount of £470 was voted upon the hospital fund and balance-sheet were adopted. Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mr. W. H. Swain; vice-presidents, Messrs. G. H. Reddie, Walter E. Newell, and W. H. King; secretary, Mr. T. D. Richards; treasurer, Mr. J. Smith; trustees, Messrs. E. Monk, J. Taylor, and S. A. Hilliard; auditors, Messrs. R. Bowmaker and G. Thompson.

An amount of £470 was voted upon the hospital fund and Transport Brigade.

LABOUR IN POLITICS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of last Thursday, in article VIII., the writer endorses the views held by the expelled member, viz., that the minimum wage is the cause of so many men being out of work and in distress. With all due respect to those gentlemen I will show that it is an erroneous assumption on their part to assume anything of the kind, and will for the present, with your kind permission, Sir, reduce the wages down to 4s per day. It will be readily admitted that all the bona-fide unemployed, physically fit, are worth this rate of wages. Then let Messrs. Hooley and Hutchinson, Labour members, Labour and Miscellaneous, etc., etc., be imperfectly known to the average Australian, and the fatal significance of such a step is seldom realised until too late. The unhealthy climate, the inferior food

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Monday Evening.

The week opened with a fair amount of business in the Stock and Share Market, the situation being a firm one. A good many alterations appear in the list, but they were mostly nominal. Bank of New South Wales were 1 and Commercial Bank of Sydney 1 higher, Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits and English, Scottish, and Australian deposits were rather firmer, Balmain Steam in request at 5s, Wickham 30s, United Insurance asked for at 5s, Wickham and Bullock Island coal were quitted at the higher price of 2s 6d net, Wallsend Coal had buyer at 25, Newcastle inquired for at £6 16s, Australian Gaslight somewhat easier, being offered at 18. Breweries steady. Sydney Hydraulic contributing quitted at an advance of 5d. Industrial Provident in request at 19s, Silverton Tramway 6d dearer.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: London Bank of Australia, deposits, 18s 4d; Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, 26s. Noon: Mercantile Mutual Insurance, 15s 6d. Afternoon: Sydney Hydraulic, 10s, paid 14s 9d; Wickham Coal, ordinary, 2s 6d net; Hetton Coal, 45s.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div.	Last Sale.	Prices.	Seller.	Yields to Investor.
	£	£	£					
BANKS &c.								
A.A.S.N. F.S.	2,849,200				4	101½	99½	4
Australasia	880,180				4	101	100	4
Australian Joint Stock	550,000				4	99½	99	4
Bank of N.S.W.	4,000,720				4	100	99	4
Bank of Victoria	1,200,175				3	90	80	3
Commercial					4	100	99½	100
Commercial, Tas.					3	80	70	4
Colonial	225,225					99½		4
English, Scottish	1,149,760				4	99		4
Union	1,000,000					99		4
Do. 7 Calls					3	84	80	4
Do. 1907	800,000				4	99	98	100
Do. 1908	800,000				4	100	99½	4
Do. 1909	800,000				4	100		4
Do. 1910	800,000				4	100		4
Do. 1911	800,000				4	100		4
Do. 1912	1,200,175				4	100	99½	100
Do. 1913					4	100		4
Do. 1914					4	100		4
Do. 1915					4	100		4
Do.

FUNERALS.

NORBURN.—The Friends of the late Mr. WILLIAM NORBURN are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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JONES.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY JONES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Robert Reid Jones, Blacksmith, late of A.U.S.N. Co.; to leave his late residence, Everton, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham Station.
CROCKETT and COMPANY, Undertakers.

JONES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN G. JONES are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Robert Reid Jones; to move from his late residence, Everton, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, THIS DAY (Tuesday), at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis.

JONES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN JONES, late of Atlas Coy., are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Robert R. Jones, blacksmith, late of A.U.S.N. Co.; to move from his late residence, Everton, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, TO-DAY (Tuesday), at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis.

JONES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES W. JONES are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Robert Reid Jones; to move from his late residence, Everton, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, THIS DAY (Tuesday), at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis.

JONES.—The Friends of Mr. JOSEPH JONES are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved BROTHER, Robert R. Jones; to move from his late residence, Everton, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, THIS DAY (Tuesday), at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis.

THE Friends of ROBERT and ELIZABETH MATTHEWS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER, Robert Jones; to move from his late residence, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, at 1.15 THIS AFTERNOON, for the Necropolis.

THE Friends of JAMES JONES and FAMILY, of Mount Victoria, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved NEPHEW, Robert Jones; to move from his late residence, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, at 1.15 THIS AFTERNOON, for the Necropolis.

JONES.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM and SYDNEY JONES are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Robert Reid Jones; to move from his late residence, Everton, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, THIS DAY, Tuesday, at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis.

AUSTRALASIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS.—The Officers and Members of the above Society are requested to attend the Funeral of the late Member, Bro. R. JONES, which leaves his late residence, Garnet-street, Fern Hill, THIS DAY, at 1.15, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Petersham stn. H. Gosdere, pres.

MCLAUGHLIN.—The Relatives and Friends of the deceased ARTHUR M'LAUGHLIN are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave 49 Cambridge-street, Glebe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Sydney, Balmain, N. Sydney, Marrickville, etc.

MCLAUGHLIN.—The Friends of Messrs. JOHN, FRANCIS, ERNEST, GEORGE, and WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved BROTHER, Arthur; to leave 49A Brougham-street, Glebe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers and Embalmers.

PERRY.—The Friends of Mr. ERNEST H. PERRY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved WIFE; to leave his residence, 82 Charles-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
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Central Office: Rawson-place.

GLEESON.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY GLEESON and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved eldest DAUGHTER and SISTER, Catherine Teresa; to leave their residence, 32 Queen-street, Glebe, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers.

CUMING.—The Funeral of the late Mr. JOHN WHITE CUMING will leave Mortuary To-MORROW (Wednesday) MORNING, at 9.25, for the Necropolis.
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